

LAND AND PUBLIC WORKS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

1039. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the proposed Land and Public Works Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

- (1) What actions, if any, is the government taking to address the apparent misuse of section 91 licences under the Land Administration Act 1997?
- (2) Does the government plan to compulsorily acquire land or approve proposed diversification leases that are on or connected with, or may be connected with, native title lands?
- (3) What safeguards will the government create to prevent the misuse of the ministerial discretion proposed in legislative amendments to the Land Administration Act 1997, and, in particular, how will the government protect the rights of pastoralists, traditional owners, farmers and local communities?

The PRESIDENT: That is a rather extensive question, honourable member. We will see whether the Leader of the House is able to provide an answer.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) Proposed amendments to the Land Administration Act 1997 have been developed with stakeholders over a number of years, with final consultation closing on Friday, 21 October. It is the expectation of the McGowan government that any party interested in a proposed diversification lease seeks to first enter into an Indigenous land use agreement with the native title holders when native title rights and interests exist.