

ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Department of Planning/Western Australian Planning Commission

Hon Alanna Clohesy asked:

- 1) *How long have the two vacant positions on the Swan Valley Planning Committee (SVPC) been so?*

Answer:

The Aboriginal Interests position has been vacant since May 2014 and the Equestrian Interests position has been vacant since November 2013.

- 2) - 3) *When is it anticipated these positions will be filled and what process was/will be undertaken to fill these positions?*

Answer:

That is yet to be determined and the positions are to remain vacant until such time as the new legislation is considered.

- 4) *When will the SVPC be dissolved and a new planning governance framework replace it?*

Answer:

The SVPC will not be dissolved until the new Swan Valley legislation is in place.

- 5) *When will the draft bill replacing the Swan Valley Planning Act be available for public consultation and what form will such consultation take?*

Answer:

The draft Swan Valley Development Plan has been released for public comment with submissions invited until 31 January 2016. It is expected that the Swan Valley Protection Bill will be introduced into Parliament in 2016.

Hon Ken Travers asked:

I refer to Figure 6 in Perth and Peel @3.5 million – A spatial plan and ask:

- 1) *What options are currently been considered to link the Morley to Clarkson Potential Passenger Rail line to the Perth CBD?*

Answer:

The Department of Planning is currently working with the Public Transport Authority to assess potential alignment options.

- 2) *What role does the Department and Commission have in assessing these options?*

Answer:

Refer to answer (1) above.

- 3) *Do the Department or Commission support a grade separation of the railway line at Moore Street in Perth?*

Answer:

The Moore Street rail crossing will be considered as part of a McIver/Claisebrook precinct study expected to commence in the 2016-17 financial year. Grade separation will be part of those considerations.

- 4) *What impact will the effective closure of the level crossing when the Airport rail line opens have on proper planning of the Perth CBD?*

Answer:

Refer to answer (3) above.

- 5) *What work was undertaken in 2014/15 to examine the use of land in East Wanneroo for urban expansion?*

Answer:

Preliminary consultation with State government agencies and local government was undertaken to inform the proposed MRS amendment.

- 6) *What work is currently being undertaken to examine the use of land in East Wanneroo for urban expansion?*

Answer:

At its meeting on 15 December 2015, the Western Australian Planning Commission initiated an MRS amendment proposing to rezone East Wanneroo from 'Rural' to 'Urban Deferred'. Criteria will need to be addressed prior to the lifting of 'Urban Deferral' including the preparation of a District Structure Plan and Local Water Management Strategy, and essential services being provided.

- 7) *When is this work expected to be completed?*

Answer:

The MRS amendment is anticipated to be substantially progressed in 2016, subject to statutory process requirements.

- 8) *What is the proposed road alignment to connect the current Wanneroo Town Centre with the proposed East Wanneroo Bypass?*

Answer:

The Department of Planning is currently working with Main Roads WA and the City of Wanneroo to assess potential alignment options.

- 9) *What work was undertaken in 2014/15 to examine potential future land reservations for Commercial and Industrial land?*

Answer:

Preparation of the *Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million* suite of strategic land use and infrastructure plans included the identification of land for employment including activity centres and industrial centres. These are reflected in the Draft Sub-regional Planning Frameworks.

- 10) *When does the Department/Commission expect that a decision will be made on future sites to be reserved for Commercial/Industrial land?*

Answer:

The zoning of new land for activity and industrial centres, will require amendments to region and/or local planning schemes. It is anticipated that the *Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million* suite of strategic land use and infrastructure plans will be finalised in 2016, and proponent-led rezoning proposals will follow.

- 11) *When will the draft Burswood Structure Plan be finalised?*

Answer:

The Burswood Peninsula District Structure Plan has been finalised and can be viewed on the Department of Planning website.

- 12) *Is it still expected that a new bridge between Burswood and East Perth will be required?*

Answer:

This is considered in the Burswood Peninsula District Structure Plan.

- 13) *Has an alignment been identified for this bridge?*

Answer:

The Burswood Peninsula District Structure Plan shows a conceptual bridge alignment. Any final alignment would be subject to future detailed design and impact assessment.

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