QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Asked on 17 April 2008

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

With respect to preserving good quality agricultural land in South East Queensland—

What strategies has his department put in place to ensure good quality agricultural land will not be lost to future residential or industrial land development?

ANSWER:

The principal mechanism for preserving good quality agricultural land for agriculture is the *State Planning Policy 1/92 "Development and Conservation of Agricultural Land"*, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

State Planning Policy 1/92 is currently being reviewed with staff from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries working closely with the Department of Natural Resources and Water to ensure that the State's interests in this vital resource are well represented.

Good quality agricultural land is also protected in South East Queensland by the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026. The Plan defines the urban foot print and regional landscape and rural production areas which determine the type of activities that are permissible in different areas and revisions of the plan will include a Rural Futures Strategy.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning is responsible for the development of regional plans and the determination of the urban foot print and regional landscape and rural production area within plans. This plan is reviewed in five year intervals and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries will work closely with the Department of Infrastructure and Planning in each review to ensure that primary industry interests are fully considered.