

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR ELMES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

Of the total protected area of 10.3m hectares in Queensland identified in her media statement of 11 March 2010, what is the breakdown of each form of land protection that makes up this total, and how much of each type of land is protected from extractive activities such as mining, quarries, logging and related activities?

ANSWER:

Queensland's classes of protected area are detailed within the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, and comprise both areas managed by the State of Queensland and areas managed by conservation-minded private landholders. In accordance with the provisions of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, there are a range of levels of protection for different classes of protected area.

The breakdown of the categories of land that contribute to the total protected area include national parks, resource reserves, conservation parks, forest reserves, co-ordinated conservation areas and nature refuges.

Extractive activities may be permitted on nature refuges and resource reserve which comprise around 2 million hectares.

I note the LNP have no policies or targets in regards to the acquisition of protected area estates.

In fact in contrast, at the last election the LNP failed to rule out allowing dirt bikes in important koala habitat areas such as Daisy Hill State Forest.

In addition, the LNP has repeatedly criticised more of Springbrook being protected as national park.

We are committed to meeting the 20 million hectare target which will include at least 12.9 million hectares of national park.