

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 784

asked on Wednesday, 30 October 2013

MR SHUTTLEWORTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to proposed changes to the Nature Conservation Act and the proposal to abolish the tenure types such as Forest Reserves—

Will the Minister outline the areas within the Ferny Grove Electorate that are currently of this tenure type and what the process will be moving forward?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

There are no forest reserves in the Ferny Grove Electorate. However, there are two conservation parks (Samford Conservation Park and Bunyaville Conservation Park) that will be transferred to the regional park tenure under the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (No.2) 2013* (NCOLA Act).

The NCOLA Act will halve the number of tenure classes under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, to seven.

To give effect to the new tenure structure, the NCOLA Act allows for the transfer of all existing:

- national park (scientific) areas directly in to the national park tenure class with a *special management area (scientific)* declared over the area;
- national park (recovery) areas directly in to the national park tenure class with a *special management area (controlled action)* declared over the area;
- conservation parks directly in to the regional park tenure class; and
- resources reserves directly in to the regional park tenure class with a *resource use area* declared over the park.

Existing national parks will not be impacted by the transfer process and will remain under the national park tenure class.

It is important to note that the changes will not allow a resource use area to be declared over an existing conservation park now or in the future.

The provisions of the NCOLA Act that provide for this transfer of tenures will commence on a date set by Proclamation. This transfer cannot take place immediately because there are amendments to subordinate legislation that are required before the tenure change can take place.