

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 14 February 2017

MR D JANETZKI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the various parks on the escarpment of Toowoomba (in particular Redwood) that is State Government land—

Will the Minister advise what oversight the government implements in the general management of the parks (in particular Redwood) including ecologically significant assets, pests and land management?

ANSWER:

The Toowoomba Regional Council is the trustee and manager of Redwood Park. All matters relating to Redwood Park should be referred to Toowoomba Regional Council as the responsible land manager.

Hartmann's Bushland Reserve, a small, 2.5 hectare reserve on the escarpment of Toowoomba, is the only conservation area managed by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) in the Toowoomba area. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) staff, based on the property adjoining Hartmann's Bushland Reserve, manage this reserve.

A short walking track leads through the reserve and is maintained by QPWS. Regular burning is also undertaken by QPWS staff to reduce fuel loads.

QPWS engages the Friends of the Escarpment Parks – Toowoomba to assist with the management of Hartmann's Bushland Reserve. This group of volunteers meet at the reserve every week to help with bush regeneration; with a particular focus on reducing pest plants.

NPSR is not responsible for managing any other conservation estate along the Toowoomba escarpment.