

NATIONAL PARKS — RECYCLING

249. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the disposal of waste at national parks and nature reserves that fall under the management responsibility of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

- (1) Does the DBCA currently have in place a waste disposal strategy that requires the recycling of recyclable material that is disposed of at national parks and nature reserves?
- (2) If yes to (1), is DBCA fully compliant with that strategy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(3) No. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has site-specific waste disposal approaches for national parks and reserves. DBCA promotes a “leave no trace” principle, encouraging visitors to national parks and reserves to take their waste with them to dispose of at home or at an appropriate recycling facility. Recycling is not implemented at all national parks and reserves due to the varied nature of waste management approaches across the state, the variations in amount and type of waste in parks and limitations in local government refuse facilities in some areas.