

PROPOSED COMMERCIAL WIND FARM — CLIFTON BEACH

**560. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the withdrawal of the proposal for a commercial wind farm at Clifton Beach and the subsequent offer for sale of the five rural lots comprising the proposed site.

- (1) Further to recommendation 4 of the Environmental Protection Authority's "Strategic Environmental Advice on the Dawesville to Binningup Area", which states —

The Yalgorup National Park should be:

- a. extended and consolidated, by incorporating private vegetated enclaves west of the Yalgorup lakes and other adjacent reserved lands; and
- b. amended to significantly extend the vegetation buffer, particularly around the wetland areas of Lake Clifton and Lake Preston, including the eastern side.

Will the government acquire the land on offer?

- (2) If no to (1), why not?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) The Yalgorup National Park management plan includes an action to acquire, by purchase or exchange when opportunities arise and funds are available, private property enclaves and properties adjoining the park that have exceptional conservation or recreation values, management benefits, or that could protect areas with these values within the park. In accordance with the management plan and the Environmental Protection Authority's recommendation, if the Clifton Beach land becomes available for purchase, the opportunity will be given consideration.