

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS

1994. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

With regard to the Conservation Commission, I ask:

- (a) does the Commission believe that Forest Management Plans of 10 years' duration are too short to allow for long term investment planning for the timber industry, particularly if substantial loan financing is required; and
- (b) has the Commission considered advising the Minister to amend the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* and the *Forest Products Act 2000* to vary the length of management plans and production contracts?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The Conservation Commission is aware that alternatives to the duration of the FMP are proposed from time to time but while acknowledging that the ten year term for the FMP is a statutory limit set through the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) and that, in turn, the term of native forest timber harvest contracts is tied, under the *Forest Products Act 2000*, to the term of the CALM Act management plan, the Conservation Commission has not investigated alternative plan durations or developed a position on the matter.
- (b) No.