

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT — COCKBURN SOUND

1861. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OPEA) and ask:

- (a) when did the OEPA commence reviewing and revising the State Environment (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2005 and when will it be released for public comment;
- (b) is it correct that the State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2005 is not enforceable at law; and
- (c) if yes, has the Government any plans to make the policy enforceable?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The Environmental Protection Authority commenced the review of the State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2005 in early 2012. A draft revised policy document and accompanying technical document were available for public comment from 20 November 2013 until 24 January 2014.
- (b)–(c) The State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2005 is not a statutory instrument. The policy provides an environmental management framework that is implemented by the multi-stakeholder Cockburn Sound Management Council. Any legal requirements are imposed through licensing under part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 or Ministerial conditions applied to significant proposals.