

METRONET — NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING

17. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Minister for Environment:

Noting the Labor position, clearly on display during the recent election, that no essential infrastructure can ever be built if it would involve cutting down a tree, I ask:

- (a) how much native vegetation is the Government proposing to clear for Metronet projects, such as extending the rail line to Yanchep or Ellenbrook; and
- (b) has the Minister given approval for this clearing, or at least consulted about commencing the necessary processes?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) Any clearing for the Metronet projects will need to obtain approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. No applications or referrals have been made under the Environmental Protection Act at this time.
 - (b) No.
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