

RAMSAR LIST OF WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE — WA NOMINATIONS

2874. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware that previous Governments have promised on several occasions to make further nominations of Western Australian wetlands to the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that a group of eight important Western Australian wetlands have been prepared for nomination over the past decade?
- (3) Does the Minister intend to complete this nomination process; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if yes, what is the proposed timeline for this work?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

- (1) I understand that previous State governments have given undertakings to consider and prepare nominations for sites that meet the requirements for listing as Wetlands of International Importance.
- (2) I am aware that work has been done on reviewing and preparing for Government consideration information on up to eight candidate sites that could be considered for nomination.
- (3) The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), with input from the Wetlands Coordinating Committee, is preparing documentation on possible candidate sites and will forward completed reports to me for my consideration.
 - (a)-(b) I will consider completed proposals when I receive them.