

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

**632. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Minister for Environment:**

My question is without notice.

- (1) Can the minister advise the house of what he is doing to ensure that the Environmental Protection (Environmentally Sensitive Areas) Notice 2005 is not having a negative effect on land use and land values?
- (2) What steps is the minister taking to implement the recommendations contained in the forty-first report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for the question. As ever, I foreshadowed that he would ask a similar question this afternoon in question time.

- (1)–(2) Obviously, this issue was raised in an earlier motion brought before this house by Hon Rick Mazza. Following that discussion, I sought further advice from my department on environmentally sensitive areas and on the response to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs' forty-first report from the thirty-ninth Parliament. I have sought that information. To my knowledge, the issue has not been raised with me before today or since I became Minister for Environment. Certainly, as a result of today's conversation and debate, I have asked for advice from my department on this issue.