

WATER — SOUTHERN FORESTS IRRIGATION SCHEME

5157. Dr D.J. Honey to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

- (1) What progress has been made towards completing the proposed Southern Forrest Irrigation Scheme?
- (2) What money has been allocated by the State Government towards completion of the Southern Forrest Irrigation Scheme?

**Mr M. McGowan replied:**

- (1) Following water sales that closed in March 2018, 70 local growers purchased water entitlements raising \$11.75 million. Key activities to-date include an updated conceptual engineering design, baseline environmental surveys, preliminary Aboriginal heritage surveys and geotechnical investigations.
- (2) The 2019–20 State Budget allocates \$19 million towards the Southern Forest Irrigation Scheme, over the 2018–19 to 2022–23 period.