

MOOKA PASTORAL LEASE, PURCHASE BY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND  
MANAGEMENT

**848. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer to the proposal to attach the CALM-purchased Mooka pastoral lease to the Kennedy Range National Park.

- (1) Has it been confirmed that the present mining leases and exploration licences will be allowed to continue?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Will future exploration on this existing lease be jeopardised by its becoming part of the national park?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response -

- (1)-(3) The proposed tenure and classification of the former Mooka pastoral lease have not been determined. There has been no impact on existing tenements as a result of the purchase of the former pastoral lease. The government will take existing entitlements and future exploration and mining interests into consideration, along with the biodiversity, conservation and nature-based tourism values of the area, when the final reserve tenure and classification of the former pastoral lease are determined.