

“PERTH AND PEEL GREEN GROWTH PLAN FOR 3.5 MILLION”

**392. Hon AARON STONEHOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I note that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet’s draft of the “Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million” was, under the last government, scheduled for submission to the commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy by mid-2017. Can the government provide us with an update on the progress of this important consultation and planning exercise; and, if it is still ongoing, provide an estimate of its completion and submission dates?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. Work is continuing on the strategic assessment of the Perth and Peel regions, which under the previous government was referred to as the draft green growth plan. A major focus of the work being undertaken involves ensuring that the strategic assessment maximises the transformative effect of Metronet on the Perth and Peel regions. Work is also being undertaken to review and improve the strategic assessment documents, including the wetlands data; identify opportunities to reduce environmental impacts; and secure a strategic state environmental approval, as well as the commonwealth approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.