

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT — MINING PROJECTS

1844. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and ask:

- (a) since the election of the Barnett Government in 2008 how many proposals have been determined;
- (b) how many approvals were granted in the years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 and until December 2013;
- (c) how many proposals were recommended to be approved;
- (d) which proposals were not recommended for approval; and
- (e) have approval times been reduced and by how much?

**Mr A.P. Jacob replied:**

- (a) 127 proposals have been determined.
- (b) 121 proposals have been approved:

2008–09	20
2009–10	23
2010–11	27
2011–12	18
2012–13	22
July – December 2013	11

- (c) Of the proposals determined, 120 were recommended for approval by the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (d) The following proposals were not recommended for approval by the Environmental Protection Authority:

Granite Extraction, Lot 2036 Bird Road, Torbay
Red Hill Quarry Development, Hanson Construction Material Pty Ltd
Central West Coal Project, Central West Coal Pty Ltd
Happy Valley Titanium Minerals Project, Bemax Resources Ltd
Vasse Coal Project, Vasse Coal Management Pty Ltd
Development application: Clearing of native vegetation and planting of 1250 olive trees, Lot 1612 Barrett Street, Southern River
Subdivision proposal: Lot 504 Lexia Avenue, Upper Swan, City of Swan

- (e) Since 2009 the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority has reported publicly on the “percentage of assessments that meet agreed initial timelines”. The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority has a target of 80 per cent for this indicator and has met this target to date.