

CONSERVATION COMMISSION — VEGETATION HEALTH

1996. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

With regard to the Conservation Commission, I ask, are mortality rates increasing in tuart, wandoo, flooded gum, marri, jarrah and Western Australian peppermint as a result of changing climate conditions and if so, how is this being addressed?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

Vegetation health is affected by a wide range of factors. Declines in health have been observed in a variety of native forest and woodland species at some sites and these declines may, at least partially, be the result of the observed changes in climate. However, the extent of this decline which is solely due to changes in climate is currently unknown.

Planning for climate change is factored into a number of management activities outlined in the Forest Management Plan 2014–2023.