

BUNBURY OUTER RING ROAD — GELORUP CORRIDOR

343. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the clearing of the Gelorup Corridor for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road that was due to resume on 1 March 2023.

- (1) Has an updated fauna management plan and vegetation offset strategy been received and accepted by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation?
 - (a) If yes, on what date were they accepted; and
 - (b) if not, why have these documents been delayed and when are they expected to be finalised?
- (2) Can clearing of category 1 areas in the Gelorup Corridor commence if either the updated FMP or offset strategy have not been finalised?
- (3) As per the conditions of ministerial statement 1191, is the proponent required to submit an updated FMP prior to clearing commencing or is this only a recommendation?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has not received an updated fauna management plan. The department has received an offsets management plan, which is required by ministerial statement 1191, for review. The department is currently reviewing the adequacy of the offsets management plan in consultation with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
- (2) Yes. Clearing in category 1 areas can proceed in accordance with the approved construction fauna management plan. Under ministerial statement 1191, the offsets management plan is not required to be approved prior to the commencement of construction.
- (3) The conditions in ministerial statement 1191 require that a construction fauna management plan be submitted and approved by the chief executive officer of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation prior to ground-disturbing activities. I am advised that the construction fauna management plan was submitted and approved prior to the commencement of construction in 2022.