

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024–2033 — ECOLOGICAL THINNING

1247. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the draft *Forest Management Plan 2024–2033*, and I ask will the Minister please list the scientific research that shows the impacts that the proposed ecological thinning and associated silvicultural burning of regrowth forest will have on each of the following:

- (a) birds;
- (b) mammals;
- (c) reptiles;
- (d) frogs;
- (e) invertebrates;
- (f) forest understory flora;
- (g) fungi, in particularly *Armillaria luteobubalina*;
- (h) phytophthora dieback; and
- (i) soil?

Hon Darren West replied:

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has undertaken and published a body of research on the impacts of commercial harvesting and associated post-harvest burning, including the Forestcheck integrated monitoring project, that has informed understanding of the likely impacts of proposed ecological thinning. For references to this published research, listed by groups (a)–(i) [See tabled paper no 2082.].