

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING — INDICATIVE VOLUMES

1117. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the government's announcement of 8 September 2021 on ending most native timber harvesting in Western Australia, and to the government's reported commitment to release the indicative levels of timber that will be available from clearing for bauxite production and from ecological thinning designed to improve forest health under the *Forest management plan 2024–2033*.

- (1) Will these figures be released before the end of this year?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What level of sawlogs will be available annually from 2024 from clearing for mining, including bauxite production, under the new plan?
- (4) What level of sawlogs will be available annually from 2024 from clearing to improve forest health, including ecological thinning, under the new plan?
- (5) When will the timber industry be informed about what level of resource will be made available so that it can make genuine business decisions?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Forestry has provided the following information.

- (1)–(5) The state government intends to provide indicative volumes of the timber that will be made available from mine site clearing and ecological thinning for forest health under the next forest management plan before the end of the year. The indicative volumes are illustrative only, with the final volumes post-2024 being published as part of the *Forest management plan 2024–2033*.