

PRESCRIBED BURNING — CLIMATE CHANGE

1062. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Climate Action:

I refer to the Environmental Protection Authority's assessment of the government's proposed *Forest management plan 2024–2033*, which recommends an independent scientific review of prescribed burning.

- (1) Will the minister commission an independent scientific review of prescribed burning in order to identify contemporary science and knowledge on the impacts of prescribed burning on biodiversity, particularly in the context of climate change?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The Environmental Protection Authority released its report on the proposed *Forest management plan 2024–2033* on 4 September 2023. The report is now subject to a three-week appeal period. It is not appropriate for me to comment during the appeal process.