

STATE FORESTS NOS 4, 7, 14, 16, 22, 32, 33, 35, 58, 63, 54, 65 - PARTIAL REVOCATION

Committee

The Deputy Chairman of Committees (Hon W.N. Stretch) in the Chair.

Message from the Assembly requesting concurrence in the following resolution now considered -

That the proposal for the partial revocation of State Forest Nos 4, 7, 14, 16, 22, 32, 33, 35, 58, 63, 54 and 65 laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the twenty-first day of November 2000 by command of His Excellency the Governor be carried out.

Hon PETER FOSS: I move -

That the Council concurs with the resolution passed by the Assembly as contained in Message No 49 from the Legislative Assembly.

Hon J.A. COWDELL: The motion moved by the Attorney General is for excisions from state forests of land required for road purposes. I have had a look at the maps and the explanation in each case, and taking them at face value I accept the argument in favour of each of the revocations. I indicate the support of the Labor Party for these revocations.

Hon NORM KELLY: The Australian Democrats accept that these are relatively minor amendments to the state forest areas, and support them. The only comment I make is in regard to the excision from State Forest No 16, which is a narrow strip of land parallel to the Old Coast Road, near Yalgorup. This excision is to extend the dual carriageway on the Old Coast Road from Bunbury to Mandurah. In previous widening work on this road a large amount of timber has been unnecessarily burnt, rather than recovered and used. When these areas are cleared - and we must be careful about how we clear our road verges - the timber logged should be utilised in the most efficient manner. This area abuts Yalgorup National Park. The Australian Democrats support these excisions.

Hon CHRISTINE SHARP: I have received a briefing on these proposed revocations, and I am satisfied that they are appropriate.

Question put and passed

Report

Resolution reported, the report adopted, and a message accordingly returned to the Assembly.