

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

**Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage**

Hon Dr Prad Pettitt MLC asked:

1) I refer to page 754 in Budget Paper No. 2 Vol. 2, Metropolitan Region Improvement Account (MRIA):

- a) is sufficient funding allocated to acquire and provide the initial capital works this year for all the remaining Bush Forever Sites that are zoned Parks and Recreation (P&R) and are not yet owned by the WAPC or the Crown:

**Answer:** An annual budgetary allocation from the MRIA fund is provided to the WAPC to acquire land or to compensate private landowners affected by reservations under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS). The allocation for land acquisition is \$43.4 million in 2022-23 and is shared across all land reserved under the MRS, including Bush Forever Sites that are reserved P&R and which are a priority purchase.

- i) How much, in total, is the estimated cost of acquiring and providing initial capital works for all remaining Bush Forever sites;

**Answer:** Certain Bush Forever areas, where ongoing private ownership is compatible with conservation objectives, are not intended to be acquired by the State Government. The WAPC is responsible for only acquiring the Bush Forever Sites that are reserved for P&R under the MRS. WAPC utilises the allocation referred to in part (a) to do so.

- b) There are still some Bush Forever Sites that have not yet been acquired by Government and secured for the purpose of conservation of nature and added to the conservation reserve system. How many, and which Sites, listed by site names and lot numbers, are in this category;

**Answer:** Of the sites it is responsible for, the WAPC still has eight sites to acquire. The WAPC continues to pursue the acquisition of these sites, however, the method of acquisition remains voluntary where possible.

- c) Will you ensure MRIA funding is allocated to acquire and secure for conservation the whole of Bush Forever Area 119, Underwood Avenue Bushland:

**Answer:** Under *State Planning Policy 2.8 Bushland Policy* for the Perth Metropolitan Region, Bush Forever Area, 119 Underwood Avenue Bushland, falls under the 'urban, industrial or resource development' implementation category. Policy provisions for these categories allow bushland conservation outcomes to be negotiated as part of development proposals.

- i) How much is (c) estimated cost; and

**Answer:** Not applicable.

- d) Can you please list as yet unsecured Bush Forever Sites that are not currently zoned as Parks and Recreation by name and lot numbers:

**Answer:** Lots identified under Bush Forever and not reserved for P&R are readily identified through publicly available [Metropolitan Region Scheme mapping](#).

- i) What is the total estimated cost to acquire and secure these Sites in (d) in public ownership in the Bush Forever conservation reserve system;

**Answer:** Not applicable.

ii) Have you allocated this total cost in the Budget?

**Answer:** Not applicable.

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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC asked:

- 1) I refer to page 734, point 1 Planning Services in Budget paper No. 2 Vol. 2, and I ask about the consideration of the alignment and design of Garden Island Highway within recommendation 4 of the Cape Peron planning investigation area future strategy. I ask:
  - a) Could you please provide an update on the consideration of the alignment and design of Garden Island Highway;
  - b) Is consideration underway and when is it expected to be completed; and
  - c) If complete, could you please provide a copy of the consideration report?

**Answer (a-c):** Garden Island Highway is reserved 'Other Regional Roads' in the Metropolitan Region Scheme. No design work has been undertaken for Garden Island Highway.

Minister's initials

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