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Proposal to provide for the State Planning Commission's Statement of Planning Policy for the coastal plain catchment of the Peel-Harvey Estuary in the Ministerial Statement imposed on the Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary Management Strategy - Stage 2.

Pursuant to Section 46(1) of the Environmental Protection Act, the Minister for the Environment has requested the Environmental Protection Authority to inquire and report on inclusion of the State Planning Commission's Statement of Planning Policy for the Coastal Plain Catchment of the Peel-Harvey Estuary in the Ministerial Statement, "that the proposal may be implemented" (Appendix 1).

Section 5AA of the Town Planning and Development Act (1928) provides for the preparation and development of Statements of Planning Policy. Such policies can provide Local Government Authorities with land use planning and control principles, and can have regard to ecological, natural resource and development issues. These policies can be incorporated into local government town planning schemes and local rural strategies, and in some instances may form appendices to existing planning schemes.

On 9 April 1991 the State Planning Commission released for comment a Draft Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment. The objective of this draft policy is to include the Government of Western Australia's environmental objectives for this area in existing statutory land use planning and control mechanisms. This will provide for greater sophistication of land management and development control.

The Environmental Protection Authority has considered the Draft Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment and believes it to be a valuable tool in land use planning and management in the region to which it will apply. Furthermore, the Authority considers that many of the land use and environmental issues in that region are best managed and controlled through existing statutory planning schemes and policies. The Authority therefore recommends that the Ministerial Statement referred to incorporate land use controls through the Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment.

Recommendation

The Environmental Protection Authority recommends that the Ministerial Statement dated 4 January, 1989 provide for the land use planning and controls available through the State Planning Commission's Statement of Planning Policy.