

**Question on Notice
No. 1403
Asked on 2 November 2006**

QUESTION:

MS JONES asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

What funding has been provided by the State Government towards improvements at Brisbane Forest Park?

ANSWER:

The State Government is currently making a significant investment to improvements and upgrades at Brisbane Forest Park and the forest reserves on the D'Aguilar Range.

Some of the more significant projects include:

- Critical upgrades to electrical infrastructure and essential water services and installation of limited air-conditioning at the Brisbane Forest Parks headquarters between 2005-06 to 2007-08 at a total project cost of \$734,500 (2005-06: \$40,000, 2006-07: \$491,500 and 2007-08: \$203,000).
- \$44,000 has been set aside for upgrading visitor facilities at Lomandra and Iron Bark Gully day-use areas in 2006-07.
- Replace and upgrade interpretation and orientation signage across the D'Aguilar Range - total project cost \$80,000 2005-06 to 2006-07 (2005-06 \$17,000 and 2006-07 \$63,000).
- Two new footbridges were installed for trial in the Bellbird Grove day-use area in 2005-06. The bridges are made from a revolutionary new fibre-composite material that is light-weight and stronger and has a minimum design life of 50 years. The bridges were valued at approximately \$40,000.
- Additionally, the Brisbane Forest Park and the D'Aguilar Range reserves have received allocations of approximately \$356,700 in 2006-07 and \$314,000 in 2005-06 for maintenance of park assets, recreation infrastructure, firebreaks and management trails.