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Provest demands answers in Parliament over Rocky Creek rare tree cover-up

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Tweed MP Geoff Provest has put a series of Questions on Notice in the NSW Parliament to Environment Minister Phil Koperberg in relation to the Government's cover-up of the existence of rare and endangered trees at the site of the proposed Rocky Creek dam.

“I asked the Minister when the Government became aware of the existence of these endangered species, when it will inform the Tweed community and what if any environmental management plan it will put in place,” Mr Provest said.

Under Parliamentary rules the Minister has up to five weeks to respond to the Tweed MP's questions.

“This is either gross incompetence with different arms of the Government not talking to each other, or deliberate deceit of local residents, in an attempt to exact maximum political benefit from the Federal Government's unpopular proposal for a dam at Rocky Creek to supply water to Queensland,” Mr Provest said.

“If these trees are as endangered as it seems, then the Turnbull plan is literally dead in the water.”

“I want the lemma Government to come clean with the people of the Tweed immediately, and I want to know why it has taken Labor so long to do so.”

“These delays have caused unnecessary anxiety and division in the Tweed and we deserve better from the State Government.”

In his short time as Tweed MP, Mr Provest has been firing the maximum three questions a day at various Ministers on issues ranging from surgery delays at the Tweed Hospital to the Sexton Hill highway upgrade and Tweed police numbers. **Contact: Geoff Provest MP 0418 754 775**