

Opposition criticises government over environment appointment.

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Eric Ripper says the Environment Minister's position will become untenable. (ABC: Graeme Powell)

The Opposition Leader Eric Ripper says the Premier has made an unwise decision in appointing Donna Faragher as the Environment Minister.

Ms Faragher's husband works for the LNG giant Woodside and the Premier has already instructed that any

environmental decisions involving the company will be dealt with by the Planning Minister John Day because of a conflict of interest.

Mr Ripper has called on the Premier to clarify whether Ms Faragher will also stand aside from any Cabinet decisions involving Woodside.

Mr Ripper says Ms Faragher's position will soon become untenable due to Woodside's enormous presence in WA.

"Her appointment as Environment Minister does look unwise because there is so much potential for conflict of interest," he said.

"Perhaps Mr Barnett should have, and should still, consider her for another portfolio."

Ms Faragher says appropriate measures have been put in place to ensure there is no conflict of interest,