

Hills Bill on agenda

THE community will have a greater say in the development of the Perth Hills if a Bill drawn up by residents and the Greens party passes through Parliament.

Tentatively named the Perth Hills Planning Bill, it is based on the Swan Valley Planning Act of 1995 and is the result of consultation between the Save Perth Hills group and the Greens.

As well as identifying planning objectives for the region, the Bill, if successful, would re-

sult in the establishment of a planning committee including State and local government representatives, community representatives and independent experts.

A draft of the Bill will be released for public comment sometime in the next two months, with the finalised Bill being tabled in Parliament next year.

Greens Senator Giz Watson said the Bill would result in more community input into Hills development.