

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to the proposed waste management facility on Kernutts Road in Denmark, as reported by the ABC on the 1st of August 2013 in the article 'Denmark budget sets aside tip funds'. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-01/denmark-budget-sets-aside-tip-funds/4858942>

1. Have the EPA been informed about this facility by the proponents or the Shire of Denmark?
2. If yes to (1), when and what action is being taken?
3. If no to (1), when will the EPA seek to be informed?
4. Is the Department aware of the test drilling?
5. If yes to (4), has the Department received the results of the test drilling?
6. If yes to (5), will the minister table the results?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. If the Shire considers the waste management facility is likely to have a significant impact on the environment, they will need to refer it to the EPA under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The facility may also need approval under Part V of the EP Act from the Department of Environment Regulation (DER).
4. DER was informally advised in July 2013 by a consultant of the Shire of Denmark that they were proposing to drill test bores on the site for the purposes of a site investigation for a future landfill. DER does not regulate the installation of drill test bores for site investigations.
5. DER has not requested or received any drill test results, formal proposals or works approvals for a landfill in Denmark.
6. Not applicable.

