

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

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345. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to reports that dairy product buyer, Fonterra Group, has ceased buying milk produced on land affected by drilling waste in New Zealand, due to concerns about health effects, and I ask:

(a) is the practice of mining or exploration waste being applied to farming land, known as "land farming", currently permitted in Western Australia; and

(b) if yes to (a), will the Minister take action to prevent this practice from occurring?

Answer

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

(a) Yes, provided all relevant approvals are in place (including but not limited to environmental approval).

(b) No

