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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question without notice

(of which some notice is given)

Thursday, 21 May

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to Gindalbie Metals proposed nuclear waste dump on Badja Station in the Shire of Yalgoo and ask:

1. Was an internal memo created by the Minister, his staff or his Department, stating that a letter should be written asking for Badja Station to be considered in a national review of sites for the nuclear waste dump?
2. Have further discussions been initiated with Gindalbie Metals to discuss strategic partnerships, including the proposed nuclear waste dump?

ANSWER:

1. The Commonwealth Government is currently conducting a review into potential land sites that can store low-level radioactive waste, such as that derived as a result of the use of radiation in the sterilisation of medical equipment, syringes, dressings, surgical gloves, x-rays and radiotherapy. The Minister's office requested the drafting of a letter for the Minister's consideration providing general support for Badja as a potential site, subject to community support and approval from the land's traditional owners.
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