

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

C178. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

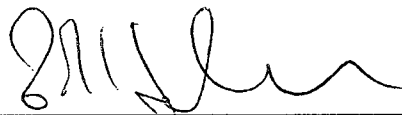
I refer to the April 29 Nitrogen Dioxide release event from the Yara Technical Ammonium Nitrate plant on the Burrup Peninsula, and ask:

1. Will there be a release of this nature every time the plant is in 'Start up' mode?
2. Given the cumulative nature of the acid load build up and the damaging effects this will have on the surrounding ancient rock art, does the Government consider these ongoing emission release events acceptable?
3. Were these 'start up' releases addressed in the EPA's original assessment of the TAN plant?
4. If yes to (3), is this a breach of Yara's operating conditions?
5. If no to (3), why not?

Answer

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

1. No, as this is an abnormal event.
2. The Government endeavours to ensure all practical measures are in place to minimise emissions.
- 3-5. These questions should be referred to the Minister for Environment.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM