

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 28 June 2017

Hon Robin Chappie to Minister for Environment:

I refer to former Environment Minister Albert Jacob's overruling of a 2015 Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) decision to reject a proposal by Mineral Resources to mine in the Helena Aurora Range, and ask:

1. Given the former Minister overturned a decision by the EPA, will the Minister now overturn the previous Minister's decision and allow the EPA to be the independent regulatory it is supposed to be?
2. Does the Minister support the EPA's restated opposition to Mineral Resources proposal to mine the Helena Aurora Range?
3. If no to (1) or (2), why not?

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority:

1. The Environmental Protection Authority is an independent statutory authority and today publically released its assessment report on the Jackson 5 and Bungalbin East Iron Ore proposal.
2. As I will have a statutory decision to make regarding the proposal in the future, it would be inappropriate to make any comment at this time.
3. Not applicable

