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

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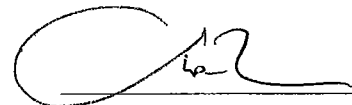
Hon Robin Chappie MLC to The Minister for the Environment:

I refer to the Terms of Reference for the government's *Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia 2017* and ask:

1. How many community meetings will be held;
 - a. In Perth;
 - b. In the Mid-west;
 - c. In the Kimberley?
2. Will individual communities that have declared themselves Gas-field free (or equivalent) be met with independently?
3. Will communities and/or individuals whose land may be directly impacted by exploration, hydraulic fracture stimulation or 'unconventional gas' works by any other definition be consulted with independently?
4. If no to (2) or (3), why not?
5. Does the government consider the timeline for the *Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia 2017* to be long enough to hear from every individual, community and stakeholder that has an interest in the future, or lack thereof of, of fracking or 'unconventional gas' in the state of Western Australia?

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

1. One community meeting in each location.
- 2-3. No
4. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to attend the community meetings as well as provide written submissions to the independent scientific panel.
5. Yes. The Terms of Reference for the inquiry have been published well in advance of the community meetings and formal public consultation period to ensure that all stakeholders have ample opportunity to develop high quality and appropriately focused submissions for the consideration of the independent scientific panel.



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES