

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Wednesday, 1 November 2017**

**C761. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands**

I refer to mining works being undertaken by Hawthorn Resources on Pinjin Pastoral Station, and ask:

1. Are proponents allowed to damage fence lines and/or water infrastructure on a pastoral lease?
2. If yes, please explain how with reference to the relevant legislation.
3. If no to (1), what steps will the Minister take to ensure damage done to fences and water infrastructure on Pinjin Station is repaired?
4. Are mining companies allowed to impact upon pastoral infrastructure in any way on a pastoral lease?
5. If no to (5), what is the permissible distance from pastoral infrastructure with which mining activities can occur on a pastoral lease under acts or regulations of Parliament?
6. Will the Minister investigate the actions of Hawthorn Resources on Pinjin Pastoral station?

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**Answer**

1. No
2. Not applicable
3. I have asked the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to liaise with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to investigate the issue and seek a resolution.
4. No
5. Under section 20 of the *Mining Act 1978*, mining activities are not permitted within 400 metres from the outer edge of any water points, including dams, wells or bores, and 100 metres from a yard, garden or stockyard and any occupied land on which there is a house or other substantial building.
6. Yes

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