

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 12 February 2019


C012. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Premier's announcement last year that current petroleum leases in WA will be allowed to be fracked, and ask:

1. How will the Government guarantee funds are appropriated from industry to facilitate site rehabilitation specifically for sites that have been fracked, including exploratory fracks?
2. Considering that total rehabilitation liability estimate for mining in WA was \$2.6 billion as of 2015, and that the Mining Rehabilitation Fund had a balance of only \$149 million as of December 2018, will the Minister institute an environmental bonds system for fracking operations, including exploratory fracks?
3. What mechanisms will allow farmers to veto fracking exploration and production on their land?
4. What mechanisms will allow traditional owners to veto fracking exploration and production on their land?
5. Will the Minister guarantee that any and all rehabilitation of frack sites will be paid for by the tenement holder of that site?

Agency Answer

- 1-4. The State Government has accepted all of the recommendations of the *Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry Report into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia*. An Implementation Plan is being developed, including those relating to site rehabilitation and land access.
5. Site rehabilitation is the responsibility of the tenement holder. Any legacy issues will be addressed by (1).


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