

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

C010. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to Page 29 of the Waste Strategy 2030: Western Australia's Waste Strategy, Objective 2: Recover, that states: ... "material recovery is preferred over energy recovery. Energy recovery is preferable to landfill disposal but should only be applied to residual waste once better practice source separation approaches have been exhausted." and ask:

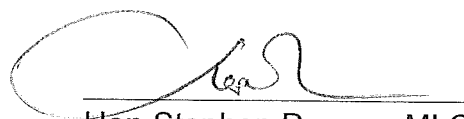
1. Were "better practice source separation approaches" exhausted before the \$68 million waste-energy plant in Kwinana was approved?
2. If yes to (1), will the Minister explain how?
3. If no to (1), will the Minister revoke the approval for the waste-energy plant in Kwinana?
4. If no to (3), why not?

Answer

1 - 4. The Kwinana Waste to Energy Project was approved under the previous government in September 2015, prior to the recent release of the Waste Strategy 2030 in February 2019.

On 14 November 2017, I asked the Environmental Protection Authority to inquire into how implementation conditions relating to approved waste to energy proposals should be changed to restrict the waste feedstock to genuinely residual waste, in accordance with the waste hierarchy under section 5 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*.

This request is currently being finalised in consultation with affected parties.



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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES