

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

1821. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Burrup Peninsula, and ask:

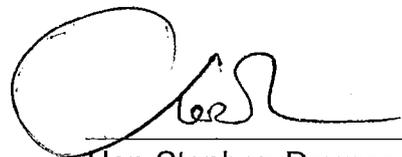
- (a) noting that a full World Heritage Listing cannot be submitted until November 2021, when will a tentative list nomination be prepared and forwarded to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee;
- (b) if no tentative list nomination will be prepared, why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), when does the Government anticipate a tentative list nomination will be prepared by;
- (d) in relation to the proposed new gas trains on the Pluto site and expanded throughput, the expanded throughput of the North West Shelf Joint Venture facility, the Perdaman Urea facility and the Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd, Mitsubishi Corporation and Wesfarmers Ltd methanol and monoethylene glycol (MEG) petrochemical plants, what will the estimated increase in the cumulative air-shed be for:
 - (i) carbon dioxide equivalent;
 - (ii) nitrogen oxides;
 - (iii) sulphur oxides;
 - (iv) ammonia; and
 - (v) nitrogen dioxide;
- (e) if the cumulative air shed is unknown, will the Environmental Protection Authority determine not to assess these projects until a primary air-shed is established and the cumulative air-shed impact of all these developments is assessed;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) if no to (e), given that the State has agreed to World Heritage Listing for the area, is it not imperative that a cumulative air-shed impact be established at the earliest opportunity;
- (h) if a cumulative air-shed impact is to be established, when will it be completed;
- (i) if a cumulative air-shed impact is to be established, will it be completed before the aforementioned projects are assessed; and
- (j) if no to (i), why not?

Answer

- (a) The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and State Government will prepare a Tentative List Submission and forward it to the Commonwealth Government in 2019 with the view to having the Commonwealth submit it to UNESCO before the UNESCO deadline of 1 February 2020.
- (b) Not applicable.

(c) Refer to (a).

(d)-(j) I have been advised by The Environmental Protection Authority that it is currently considering the development of a study on cumulative air emissions from existing and proposed industries, and shipping on the Burrup Peninsula.



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC