## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Question On Notice

## **Tuesday, 12 February 2019**

## 1829. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the issue of fracking and the Minister's Media Statement, "Government introduces strict new controls for hydraulic fracturing", released on Tuesday, 27 November 2018, and to the Minister's statement that Traditional Owners and landowners will have rights of veto over fracking, and ask:

(a) does this include both exploration and production phases;

(b) if no to (a), why not;

(c) when will a veto apply;

(d) when will veto rights be implemented and through what mechanism;

(e) will veto rights be available for Native Title holders and applicants;

(f) if no to (e), why not;

(g) will pastoralists have rights to veto;

(h) if no to (g), why not;

(i) who will consult with Traditional Owners to determine whether they consent to fracking; and

(j) who will pay for the consultation and decision making required to determine whether Traditional Owners wish to veto projects?

## Answer

(a)-(j) The State Government accepted all the recommendations of the report of the Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia in 2018. A plan is being developed to implement the recommendations, including those relating to Traditional Owners and landowners consent.

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