

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 20 August 2019

C890. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

<https://robinchapple.com/balla-balla-coorinjinna-pool>

I refer to the photographs of pollution at Coorinjinna Pool and sampling taken at that site showing extremely elevated levels of Copper and other heavy metal pollution adjacent to the crown reserve 18301 vested in the town of Karratha and ask:

1. Will or has the Department investigate this pollution?
2. Does the Department have the power to prosecute for this type of water pollution?
3. If the perpetrator of this pollution is identified will the department prosecute?

Answer

1. Yes. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is currently investigating this matter.

2 – 3 Once the investigation is finalised the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will identify whether there has been a breach of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and, if so, take appropriate action in accordance with the Department's Compliance and Enforcement Policy.



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT;
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