

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice**

Thursday, 19 September 2019

C1152. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to Question Without Notice No. 873, asked in the Legislative Council on 20 August 2019, and the article to which it refers.

1. What does the Department recommend as the maximum concentration of trace metals in livestock drinking water?
2. What action does the Department recommend for both irrigation water and potable water in the event of a polluted water source in remote regions?
3. Does the department offer any assistance (monetary or logistic) to individuals in cases where industrial contamination poses risks to quality of life and/or economic viability?
4. Given the recent and ongoing problems faced by farmers, what is the Department's stance on the pollution of entire river systems by industry proponents?

Answer

1. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation refers to the maximum concentrations for trace metals in livestock drinking water that are set out in the national guidelines for primary industries, published in Volume 3 of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality, 2000.

2-4. In response to the pollution of water, the Department would liaise with other government agencies and impacted stakeholders, and take action in accordance with its statutory obligations and based on the facts and circumstances of each case.



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