

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 29 October 2019

C1363. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to Question without Notice number 1245 asked last Thursday and raise again the document referred to that is in the possession of the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the site known as the big Goanna petroglyph.

1. Is the minister aware that the acidity of this site has changed remarkably to that of almost neutral—in the region of pH 7—in the last year when all the surrounding rocks still retained a reading of approximately pH 3.6?
2. If yes to (1), does the minister understand the reason for this dramatic change and will he identify what has caused the change?
3. If no to (1), will the minister investigate what has caused the pH to change and report the reason to the Legislative Council?

For information only:

MacLeod, I. D. 2005. Effects of moisture, micronutrient supplies and microbiological activity on the surface pH of rocks in the Burrup Peninsula. In 14th Triennial Meeting, The Hague, 12-16 September 2005: Preprints (ICOM Committee for Conservation), Isabelle Verger, ed. pp. 385-393

The report can also be found here: <https://robinchapple.com/macleod-i-d-2005>

Answer

1. I am aware of the issue as a result of the Hon Robin Chapple raising it.
2. No
3. Yes



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