

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION —
COST RECOVERY DISCUSSION PAPER

1293. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to submissions to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the discussion paper on cost recovery for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

- (1) Will the department publish the submissions on its website as foreshadowed in the discussion paper; and, if not, why not?
- (2) How many submissions were received by the department?
- (3) How many of the submissions opposed the high water licence fees now applying to the mining industry, which include up to \$8 929 for a licence application and \$6 668 to renew a water licence?
- (4) Will the minister appoint the Water Resources Council for the state to consider the submissions and advise the minister, provided for under part IIA of the Water Agencies (Powers) Act?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Water has provided the following information.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A total of 174 submissions were received, including 24 pro forma submissions.
- (3) The submissions are still being analysed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the final analysis is not yet available.
- (4) No.