

WATER — LAKE KEPWARI AND COLLIE RIVER

3972. Hon Sally Talbot to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) Which departments and/or agencies have management responsibilities for Lake Kepwari and to the south branch of the Collie River?
- (2) What is the current management plan between the State Government and Premier Coal in relation to Lake Kepwari and the south branch of the Collie River?
- (3) What licences, conditions and other agreements are current between the State Government and Premier Coal in relation to Lake Kepwari and the south branch of the Collie River?
- (4) What plans have been developed between the State Government and Premier Coal in relation to managing river flows, water direction, the replenishment of downstream pools, and recreational use in relation to Lake Kepwari and the south branch of the Collie River?
- (5) Which elements of any current management plans are the responsibility of the State Government and which are the responsibility of Premier Coal?

Hon Col Holt replied:

- (1) The Collie Coal Mines Environmental Committee. Membership of this Committee is the departments of State Development; Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Parks and Wildlife; Environmental Regulation; Water and the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (2) Management arrangements are defined in the operating strategy approved as part of Premier Coal's surface water licence.
- (3) The primary agreement is through the State Agreement. Premier Coal also has licences and other agreements with the Departments of Mines and Petroleum and Environment Regulation and the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (4) The operating strategy of the surface water licence.
- (5) The implementation of the operating strategy is the sole responsibility of Premier Coal.