

**KALGOORLIE CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINES PTY LTD — COMMUNITY CONCERNS IN RELATION
TO GOLDEN PIKE EXPANSION**

6022. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to properties which are approximately 200 metres from the proposed Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) operator for Newmont Mining and Barrick Gold Stage 3 Golden Pike Expansion, (but not to properties owned by KCGM in Johnston Street East), an email from Martin Knee, State Mining Engineer dated Wednesday 9 August 2006, addressed to Anne Stubbs, a letter dated 28 March 2006 from the State Mining Engineer addressed to KJ Taylor, Director- Environmental Impact Assessment Division, Environmental Protection Authority report titled 'Fimiston Gold Mine Extension (Stage 3) and Mine Closure Planning', and I ask —

- (1) Does the Minister agree with all the statements made by the State Mining Engineer in the letter dated 28 March 2006, referred to above, addressed to KJ Taylor?
- (2) If no to (1), for each part that the Minister disagrees with, can the Minister give the rationale and reasons as to why?
- (3) If yes to (1), can the Minister explain why?
- (4) Will the Minister provide an assurance that properties (not owned by KCGM) in Johnston Street East, in which people are residing and living, will not be exposed to flyrock dangers when KCGM conducts all of its blasting?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Will the Minister provide an assurance that properties (not owned by KCGM) in which people are residing and living will not be exposed to an increase in the risk for pit wall failure given that the Golden Pike expansion will be approximately 200 metres from these properties?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The State Mining Engineer is the appropriate person to comment on these mining issues. It should be noted that this letter was written prior to the review of KCGM's blast management plan and the independent review Flyrock Potential in the Golden Pike Cutback undertaken by the CSIRO in January 2007.
- (4) No.
- (5) It is the responsibility of KCGM to ensure that injury to persons is prevented and to minimise the risk of damage to property from flyrock under the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995.
- (6) No.
- (7) Under the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 it is the responsibility of the principal employer at, and the manager of, a mine to ensure that geotechnical aspects are adequately considered in relation to the design, operation and abandonment of quarry operations.