

TOX FREE SOLUTIONS LTD - LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

1014. Hon NORMAN MOORE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

Obviously I have taken the advice of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure! I refer the Minister for the Environment to the proposal by Tox Free Solutions Ltd to build a liquid waste treatment plant near Karratha.

- (1) Have environmental approvals been given for the plant?
- (2) Have environmental approvals been given for construction of a road and lay-down area for the plant?
- (3) If not, what stage has the environmental approval process reached, and when does the minister expect to receive final recommendations for the project?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank Hon Norman Moore for some notice of this question, to which the Minister for the Environment has provided the following response -

- (1) The Department of Environment and Conservation has issued a works approval under part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 to Tox Free Solutions Ltd for the construction of the Karratha liquid waste treatment plant and waste transfer station. Tox Free Solutions Ltd is required to obtain a licence under part V of the act from DEC prior to its operation of the facility. This licence has not been issued.
- (2) The works approval was issued for the construction of the Karratha liquid waste treatment plant and waste transfer station and is not an approval for access roads and lay-down areas. However, a native vegetation clearing permit was required prior to the clearing of native vegetation on the site. This permit has been granted by DEC.
- (3) The Karratha liquid waste treatment plant and waste transfer station has not been assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority under part IV of the act, and ministerial approval is not required prior to its construction and operation.