

SOIL AND WATER CONTAMINATION — WEST BULLSBROOK

339. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the PFAS contamination in West Bullsbrook that affects about 200 families. Why is WA the only state not to have signed the Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Framework for Responding to PFAS Contamination?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

Western Australia has not signed the intergovernmental agreement, as the IGA does not resolve deficiencies in the commonwealth's regulation of PFAS on commonwealth land, which includes airport and defence sites in Western Australia. The state continues to work with the commonwealth to resolve these issues and is open to signing the IGA in the future. Western Australia continues to fully participate in the commonwealth PFAS task force's engagement with states and territories in relation to the IGA.