

EXMOUTH WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

939. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

In respect of the Water Corporation's decision not to construct the new Exmouth waste water treatment plant for another 11 years, despite an earlier commitment to commence construction in 2007-08 -

- (1) Is the minister aware that the current treatment plant is an open-pond system sited in a 500-metre buffer zone that encompasses two caravan parks and that the Department of Conservation and Land Management estimates that 200 000 people visit the prime tourist region annually?
- (2) Will the government reconsider having the new plant built and the old treatment plant closed by December 2009?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I do not have an answer to that question. If the member could endeavour to ask the question again tomorrow, I will endeavour to have an answer by then.