

WATER CORPORATION — UTAKARRA — SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

580. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the ongoing issues faced by local residents as a result of the stench from the sewerage infrastructure located in Clematis Crescent in Utakarra.

- (1) Does the minister find it appropriate that after many years of complaints to the Water Corporation, numerous members of Parliament and the minister herself, local residents are still suffering with the effects of the odour both inside and outside their homes?
- (2) Will the minister meet with individual residents in order to find a solution to their ongoing issues; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Will the minister consider compensation to those residents who have suffered inconvenience and reduced property values as a result of her inaction; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I respond on behalf of the Minister for Water.

- (1) A full upgrade of the Karloo wastewater pump station in Clematis Street, Utakarra, was successfully completed in late February 2015.
- (2) I made a commitment to residents during a visit to Utakarra in August 2014 that I would work with the Water Corporation to resolve the odour issues associated with the Karloo pump station and I am confident that, through the works that have been undertaken, that commitment has been met.
- (3) The Water Corporation has already assisted residents through offering alternative accommodation when odours have been experienced. However, if there are residents who believe they have a legitimate claim for compensation, they are able to raise this directly with the Water Corporation.