

DAIRY PRODUCTS — LAND FARMING

339. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to reports that dairy product buyer, Fonterra Group, has ceased buying milk produced on land affected by drilling waste in New Zealand, due to concerns about health effects, and I ask:

- (a) is the practice of mining or exploration waste being applied to farming land, known as “land farming”, currently permitted in Western Australia; and
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister take action to prevent this practice from occurring?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

- (a) Yes, subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- (b) No.