

**SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE DEVELOPMENTS —
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM OBJECTIONS**

Question without Notice 951 — Answer Advice

HON KEN BASTON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Agriculture and Food) [5.06 pm]: I also have an answer to question without notice 951 asked earlier by Hon Stephen Dawson as follows —

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises —

- (1) The Department of Mines and Petroleum has not supported proposals for freehold land and long-term leases within the light industrial precinct, mainly because they could prevent open-cut goldmining nearby.
- (2) The minister is aware that there is an impact on the town and that DMP has suggested alternatives such as short-term leases and alternative locations for the industrial precinct.
- (3) The minister has met with the Shire of Coolgardie together with the local member for Eyre to discuss this issue on his recent visit to the region. The minister has explained the mineralogy around Coolgardie through detailed maps and his concern not to quarantine areas of high-value prospectivity to the east of the town site. The Shire of Coolgardie is welcome to write to the minister in order to explore options for alternative industrial sites.
- (4) Not applicable.