

STANLEY ROAD WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

1265. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the debacle that is the Stanley Road Waste Management Facility run by the City of Bunbury and the Shire of Harvey that has resulted in household waste no longer being accepted at the facility and instead being sent to a private facility near Dardanup at enormous cost to the ratepayers of both Bunbury and Harvey.

- (1) Will the government contribute to developing a solution to this impasse?
- (2) What contribution is the government willing to make?
- (3) Will the government assist the regional local governments to find a more suitable location than Stanley Road that is off the coastal plain with its high watertable?
- (4) Or will the government leave this waste and the local residents to rot?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1)–(2) In 2018, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation communicated to the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council the need to address environmental concerns at the Stanley Road waste facility. In December 2019, DWER granted approval for construction of two new lined landfill cells at Stanley Road to accept household waste. BHRC has had ample opportunity to recoup the costs of these works through various funding avenues available to it, including the charging of gate fees at the Stanley Road site.
- (3)–(4) DWER is working on a strategic waste infrastructure plan to determine the waste management infrastructure required to assist in achieving the targets of the waste strategy. DWER will provide guidance through the SWIP that will allow local governments to plan and develop strategically appropriate waste facilities into the future.