

WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANTS

**170. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the East Rockingham waste-to-energy plant due to be delivered in 2023 and the Kwinana waste-to-energy plant that is expected in 2025.

- (1) Will there be a waste levy on waste that goes to either the East Rockingham or Kwinana facilities?
- (2) If yes to (1), what will be the cost per tonne of waste?
- (3) If no to (2), how does this align with —
  - (a) the waste hierarchy; and
  - (b) the state government's goal to incentivise all local governments to transition to food organics and garden organics by 2025?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(3) The McGowan government supports energy recovery from genuinely residual waste after better practice source separation. This approach is reflected in the *Waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030* targets, including the requirement for all Perth and Peel local governments to roll out food organics and garden organics by 2025. The Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program supports local governments to adopt FOGO systems.

The review of the waste levy consulted on options for ensuring that only genuinely residual waste is provided to waste-to-energy. The government has considered the submissions and will finalise the review shortly.