

WATER CORPORATION — LAND RESUMPTION — HARVEY

269. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the resumption of by Water Corporation of land owned by Charlie and Angela Italiano of Harvey to host water tanks on Wellington Location 554, Honeymoon Road, Harvey, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister accept that the tanks, and possible future additional tanks, are a blight on the property;
- (b) were the landowners paid fair and just compensation for the resumption of their land;
- (c) why was the independent valuation report by Glenn Miller of Glenn Miller Property Consultants ignored and not acted on in the resumption;
- (d) why was the comparison of like properties in the valuation accepted by the Water Corporation presented by Mr Wilson done with properties some distance away and within the area designated as alumina processing affected Area B near Wagerup; and
- (e) does the Minister stand by this valuation and, if so, why?

Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:

- (a)–(e) The decisions referred to were all made during the period of the former Liberal National Government. In 2009, the then Minister endorsed a Taking Order process against the landowner. In 2010, the Water Corporation became the owner of the land and subsequently the tanks were built. In 2012, a compensation payment was made to Mr Italiano. In 2016, during the period of the former Liberal National Government, Mr Italiano commenced legal action against Water Corporation. The matters were scrutinised and subject to a determination of the Supreme Court.