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Hon Ben Dawkins; Hon Matthew Swinbourn

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT — ODOUR MANAGEMENT

1771. Hon Ben Dawkins to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Bunbury/Dalyellup Wate Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and document 2537 tabled on 19 September 2023, in particular the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Air Quality Management Branch Technical advice dated 5 July 2011 and DEC South Region's advice on behalf of DEC's Air Quality Branch DEC letter re: PRS32982 dated 7/12/2012, and I ask:

- (a) has the Water Corporation undertaken an Odour Management Plan as required by DEC:
 - (i) If yes to (a), would you please provide a copy;
 - (ii) If yes to (a), does it form part of the licence under the Environmental Protection Act;
 - (iii) If no (ii), why not; and
 - (iv) If no to (a), why not;
- (b) has the Water Corporation, as required by DEC, provided DEC a letter which confirms the commitment by Water Corporation to undertake odour remediation to the satisfaction of DEC if any unreasonable odours are emitted from the premises:
 - (i) If yes to (b), would you provide a copy of the letter;
 - (ii) If no to (i), why not; and
 - (iii) If no to (b) why not;
- (c) If no to (a), and or (b), would you please provide copy of any final agreement or correspondence between Water Corporation and DEC that satisfied DEC so in 2013 DEC did not object to the amendment to GBRS 0020/57 proceeding; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) (i)–(iv) No. The Water Corporation is only obliged to prepare an Odour Management Plan and undertake odour remediation to the satisfaction of the regulator if any unreasonable odours are emitted from the premises.
- (b) (i)–(iii) The Water Corporation applied for and was granted the appropriate licences and obligations from the then DEC. The licence for the Bunbury Treatment plant is publicly available on the regulator's website.
- (c) The licence for the Bunbury Treatment plant is publicly available on the regulator's website.