

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT — PART V APPLICATIONS — IRON ORE

**1087. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to part V of the Environmental Protection Act.

- (1) How many applications have been sought under part V of the EP act for licences and amendments to licences to export iron ore from ports in WA since 1 July 2021?
- (2) Can the minister list those applications and the tonnages involved?
- (3) How many works approvals have been sought under part V of the EP act for works approvals for the export of iron ore from ports in WA since 1 July 2021?
- (4) Can the minister list those applications and tonnages involved?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has received no new applications under part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 for the export of iron ore from Western Australian ports, and two applications for amendment of existing licences.
- (2) The two amendment applications are as follows: Fortescue Metals Group, Anderson Point, Port Hedland, seeking an increase from 188 to 210 million tonnes per annum; and Pilbara Port Authority, Utah Point, Port Hedland, seeking an increase from 24.1 to 28 Mtpa.
- (3) Three.
- (4) The three works approval applications and tonnages are as follows: Paulsens East iron ore, Port of Ashburton, comprising two applications, seeking an increase to two Mtpa; and Ashburton Infrastructure Project, seeking an increase to 30 Mtpa.