

GREEN ENERGY APPROVALS INITIATIVE

**1547. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the \$22.5 million green energy approvals initiative announced on 16 November 2023.

- (1) What criteria will be used to determine eligible green energy projects?
- (2) Will the minister rule out using the green energy approvals initiative to approve gas-related projects?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

This question has been redirected from the Minister for Energy to the Minister for Environment. Thanks for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Green energy approvals—eligible projects include conventional wind, solar and wave generation; energy storage; renewable hydrogen manufacturing industries; lithium mining operations; critical minerals processing operations; electricity transmission infrastructure; and construction, manufacturing and recycling of renewable energy products such as batteries, electrolyzers, solar panels and turbines.
- (2) Although gas will play a critical role in Western Australia’s energy transition and that of our regional partners, gas projects will not be approved through the green energy approvals initiative.
- (3) Not applicable.