

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT — ODOUR MANAGEMENT

1776. Hon Ben Dawkins to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Bunbury/Dalyellup Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme (GBRS) minor amendment 0020/57 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 dated 7 December 2012, and I ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a copy of the correspondence between DEC Air Quality Management Branch and DEC South Region;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) has DEC received from the Water Corporation any letter committing to undertake odour remediation to the satisfaction of DEC if any unreasonable odours are emitted outside Water Corporation's licence;
- (d) if yes to (c), could you provide a copy of the letter;
- (e) if no to (c), why not;
- (f) has the Water Corporation provided DEC with an Odour Management Plan (OMP) in the way it was required by DEC;
- (g) if yes to (f), could you provide a copy of the OMP;
- (h) if no to (f), why not;
- (i) If yes to (f), is the OMP part of the Licence under the Environmental Protection Act;
- (j) if no to (f), why not;
- (k) If no to (c) and or (f), could you please provide copy of any final agreement or correspondence between DEC and the Water Corporation that satisfied DEC so DEC in 2013 did not object to the amendment to GBRS 0020/57 proceeding; and
- (l) if no to (k), why not?

**Hon Darren West replied:**

- (a) No.
- (b) A search of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) records did not locate any correspondence between the former DEC Air Quality Management Branch and DEC South West Region on this matter. The only DEC Air Quality Management Branch technical advice located was the Technical Advice memorandum (to the then Office of the Environmental Protection Authority) dated 5 July 2011 included in Tabled Paper 2537.
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) A search of DWER records did not locate any correspondence directly between the Water Corporation and DEC on this matter.
- (f) No.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) DWER and its predecessor agencies have not imposed any requirement under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for the Water Corporation to provide an Odour Management Plan, as unreasonable odour emissions from the Bunbury/Dalyellup WWTP have not been established. A search of DWER's records indicates there have been five odour complaints relating to this premises since 2014, none of which were confirmed.
- (i) Not applicable.
- (j) See answer to (h) above.
- (k)–(l) See answer to (e) above.