

WATER CORPORATION — WATER PIPES — INGLEWOOD

1334. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Water Corporation's upgrade of pipes along Beaufort Street, Inglewood between Central Avenue and Dundas Road, the Minister for Regional Development's old stomping patch, which commenced on 21 August 2022, and to the minister's answer to question without notice 1278 asked on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.

- (1) Will the minister now ask the Water Corporation to contact owners of businesses in the affected area to assist them with submitting loss-of-business claims?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) How long will the claims take to process?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member and I wonder whether this is the new PFAS!

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: It is the new iron ore.

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN: The Leader of the Opposition is nothing if not predictable! I have an answer here from the Minister for Water.

- (1)–(3) The Water Corporation has proactively engaged with businesses regarding this section of work on Beaufort Street since 2020. There has been regular communication with each business and they have been invited to attend working groups as well as face-to-face meetings with both the corporation's community engagement team and the contractor. This communication has included information on the loss-of-business claim process. Businesses making an application are guided through the loss-of-business claim process, which includes details on how to submit a claim and the timing of the process. Estimated time for the claim process is up to three months.