

ALCOA — BAUXITE — SERPENTINE DAM

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

I refer to Alcoa's proposal to expand bauxite mining operations next to the Serpentine Dam and its 2023–27 mining and management plan—the MMP.

- (1) Has the MMP, or any part thereof, been referred to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation or the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what part of the MMP was referred;
 - (b) for what level of assessment and by which agency;
 - (c) how many hectares of land was considered; and
 - (d) will public submissions be invited?
- (3) Will the minister please table the map showing the area that Alcoa proposes to clear for mining under its 2023–27 MMP?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The 2023–27 mining and management plan has not been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority or the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for assessment under part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) As the mining and management plan process is managed under a state agreement, please refer the question to the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade.