

WAGERUP ALUMINA REFINERY — EXTENSION

2430. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the State Development

In relation to the license L6217/1983/13 granted Wagerup Alumina Refinery extension, by the Department for Environment and Conservation (DEC) to Alcoa of Australia Ltd, I ask —

- (1) Can you outline how the DEC supervises, the auxiliary plans to the license, such as the Supplementary Property Purchase Program and the Land Management Strategy?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can you outline how it will be ensured that all residents in the Shire of Harvey have equal access to the scheme once the refinery extension goes ahead?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can you outline how the scheme is managed according to Government policy?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Can you provide the name of the independent body that manages the scheme on behalf of the State Government?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Can you outline what accountability mechanisms are in place independent body that manages the scheme?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

Department of State Development advises:

- (1) Licence L6217/1983/13 issued to Alcoa by the Department of Environment and Conservation does not deal with the Supplementary Property Purchase Program (SPPP), or with Alcoa's Land Management Strategy.
- (2) The SPPP is one of a number of commitments made by Alcoa in a Deed of Undertaking (Deed) with the Government, signed on 28 March 2007. Alcoa's Land Management Strategy, which pre-dated the Deed, is referred to in the Deed as the "Area A and Area B Purchase Program". In the Deed, the company committed to maintain its existing Area A and Area B Purchase Program and to apply the Harvey Waroona Index in its valuation of any properties purchased pursuant to this program during the life of the Wagerup alumina refinery operation. Area A and Area B are defined by map in the Deed, and include an area surrounding the refinery, as well as the townsites of Hamel and Yarloop.
- (3)-(4) The SPPP operated for a defined period of time outside Area A and Area B in the localities of Hamel, Wagerup, Yarloop and Cookernup, defined by a map in the Deed. The SPPP finished in late 2008. Alcoa's Land Management Strategy continues to apply in Area A and Area B.
- (5)-(10) The SPPP was managed by the SPPP Administrator, who was appointed by the State under the Deed. The administrator is Hendy Cowan. Alcoa's Land Management Strategy has been, and will continue to be, overseen by the company.