

BRISTILE, IMPACT OF HEAVY HAULAGE ON KINGSBURY DRIVE

881. Ms MacTIERNAN to the Minister for the Environment:

I refer to the Minister's refusal to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to assess the environmental impact of Bristile's operation and the effect of heavy haulage on Kingsbury Drive and I ask -

- (a) why has the Minister refused to direct the EPA to assess Bristile's operation;
- (b) will the Minister direct the EPA to carry out an assessment on a proposal once it is in the process of implementation;
- (c) if not, why not; and
- (d) if so, why has the Minister not responded to requests to do so?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (a) The EPA considered the clay extraction and transport proposal and decided that the impacts could be dealt with through established planning processes and through the Extractive Industry licence.
- (b-c) No, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- (d) I have responded to the issues on numerous occasions and recently referred the matter of road safety to Main Roads and the Shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale.