

DALYELLUP MINE SITE — TITANIUM DIOXIDE PRODUCTION

**418. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer the minister to an editorial article in the *South Western Times* on 23 April 2009. I have a copy here if she would like to see it.

- (1) Is the minister aware of Cristal Global's proposal to extend the disposal of residue from the production of titanium dioxide at the Dalyellup site until 2013?
- (2) Does the minister support the proposal?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) Yes, I am aware of this situation. I understand that the facility has had a licence since 1992 and most recently —

**Hon Paul Llewellyn** interjected.

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER:** Sorry; may I answer the question.

I understand that it received its first licence in 1992 and that the most recent licence was issued in 2007 under the previous government. I have checked this out because I am taking an interest in this matter. The advice I have from the department is that the company is complying with the licence and has not been in breach. I understand that the company is seeking to extend its licence to 2010 and that is a matter the shire is considering at the moment. If approval is granted to proceed to 2010, it will have to seek works approval from the department, and that of course will be open for a public appeal period. That is the current advice that I have with respect to this facility. I understand it has been operating without incident and that a proposal is before the shire at the moment.