

SEWERAGE, TAMBELLUP

2690. Mr M.G. House to the Minister representing the Minister for Government Enterprises

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the serious health and environmental problems that the Tambellup townsite is facing as a result of the rising water table beneath the townsite?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that because of these serious problems, Tambellup was included in the Coalition Government's 'Rural Towns Program' and that the installation of a reticulated sewerage system was identified as the Number 1 priority in the Salinity Management Strategy developed for the townsite?
- (3) Will the Minister advise if the Tambellup townsite will be connected to a reticulated sewerage system in the summer of 2004/2005?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) If the answer to (3) is no, will the Minister advise when the Tambellup townsite will be connected to a reticulated sewerage system?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

- (1)-(5) Tambellup is the second of the five pilot towns to be served with a sewerage system under the Small Town Sewerage Program. Tambellup is proposed to be constructed over the 2004/2005 summer period. This project involves sewerage reticulation, pump station, pressure main and a pond treatment plant.

Works undertaken to date include:

- Aerial survey - completed.
- Awarded design contract (SKM) - Preliminary Design (reticulation and wastewater treatment plant).
- Geotechnical survey - survey completed and report received.
- Flora and fauna survey - survey completed and report received.
- Ethnographic survey - survey completed. Site meeting with claimants undertaken.
- "Preliminaries to Works" - issued May 2003. The only outstanding issues relate to the wastewater treatment plant site and the Department of Environment's Works approval application.

It is provisionally planned to tender the works in September/October 2004, with construction during the summer of 2004/2005. It is expected connections can be made to the system from May 2005.