

MURCHISON HYDROGEN RENEWABLES

1123. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the media release of 21 December 2021 from the Minister for Hydrogen Industry granting lead agency service status to the Murchison Hydrogen Renewables project on Murchison House station north of Geraldton.

- (1) Is the land being sought by the proponents of the Murchison Hydrogen Renewables project on Murchison House station already under any claim or application by any other proponent for any other project?
- (2) If yes to (1), what other proposals exist or have been sought?
- (3) Does the location contain other mineral or resource deposits?
- (4) Has the location been the focus of any action in the Warden's Court?
- (5) Have any other proponents been excluded from developing a project on the location in order to give government priority to Murchison Hydrogen Renewables?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) In terms of the Mining Act 1978, there are four applications for exploration licences and one application for a mining lease located within the Murchison Hydrogen Renewables project area.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes. Three of the applications for exploration licences and the application for a mining lease are subject to objections in the Warden's Court.
- (5) No.