

MARGARET RIVER INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM — DEPARTMENT OF WATER

532. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to the damage allegedly caused to the property at 17 Ryans Road as a result of the government's infill sewerage program at 13 and 15 Ryans Road, Margaret River.

- (1) What progress has the department made in addressing this matter since it was first raised in December 2007?
- (2) Has anyone from the Department of Water inspected the damage to this property?
- (3) To what extent has a structural report by Margaret River Structural Engineering that states that the recent cracks were caused by the contractor's work next door been taken into account by the Department of Water?
- (4) How much longer will it take for this matter to be resolved?
- (5) How many damage claims have been made against the Department of Water as a result of the government's infill sewerage program in the past 12 months?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for the question. Having recently experienced major works undertaken by contractors for the Department of Water in Helena Street, Guildford, over the past few days, I take this opportunity to say how much I appreciated the skill and attention of those contractors.

It is quite a long answer. I seek leave to table the answer and have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 4022.]

The following material was incorporated —

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. The Water Corporation was first informed of the matter on 13 March 2008. Since then the following progress has been made:
 - The Water Corporation has assessed the condition of the adjacent lot allegedly causing the problems and developed a method of reinstatement to solve the drainage issues.
 - The contractor has been directed to carry out the reinstatement work on the adjacent lot by 9 May 2008.
 - The Water Corporation has reviewed the report presented by Mr Prideaux and has commissioned an independent review of both the structural report and the damages to the property at 17 Ryans Road, Margaret River.
 2. No, this is not a Department of Water issue.
 3. The Water Corporation has engaged independent assessors to review both the structural report and the claimed damages to the property at 17 Ryans Road, Margaret River. The Corporation will consider the structural report by Margaret River Structural Engineering together with the report by the Corporation's assessors when it becomes available.
 4. The matter is receiving a high priority and resolution of the issue will depend upon the recommendations from both reports.
 5. There have never been any damage claims against the Department of Water as a result of the Government's Infill Sewerage Program, because it is not a Department of Water program. The Water Corporation administers the program (and it advises that in the last 12 months there have been six cases of damage claims, out of approximately 3,700 individual lots connected to the Infill Sewerage Program during that period).
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