

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY — ALKINA HOLDINGS PROJECT — YORK

693. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the proposed project by Alkina Holdings Pty Ltd that if approved will see a landfill located on Allawuna Farm, Great Southern Highway, at the entrance to the historic town of York.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Environmental Protection Agency completed its report into this project in May 2023?
- (2) Can the minister advise when the community can expect a determination on whether this project may proceed, a project that threatens to disrupt and damage a pristine agricultural and tourism destination?

Mr R.R. WHITBY replied:

Thank you, member, for the question.

- (1)–(2) As the member would know, the Environmental Protection Authority is an independent statutory body and makes determinations largely around environmental issues, and I respect that process. The EPA has made a determination, but the government is yet to make its decision—and indeed I am yet to make a decision. I will consider the EPA’s recommendation, but I will also consider the wider implications, as the member has expressed. I am aware of the views of the local community and the local government and of some of the aspirations for tourism and other quality-of-life issues in the area, and I will pay due consideration to those.