

WATER SUPPLY — NORTHCLIFFE

4579. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Water:

I refer for the need to cart water into the township of Northcliffe and I ask:

- (a) what is the impediment to a permanent water supply being installed in the town; and
- (b) If none, when do you anticipate that this will occur? If yes, what measures are being taken to overcome these impediments?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) The drinking water demand for Northcliffe is less than 20 million litres per year (approximately 100 water services). Water carting, at around a quarter of the cost of piped supply from Pemberton, continues to be the most cost effective option for providing Northcliffe with a safe drinking water supply.
- (b) The Water Corporation recently completed a long-term planning study across the South West, *Water Forever: South West*, investigating future water supply options for towns across the South West including Northcliffe.

This study reviewed several longer-term water supply options in Northcliffe; however due to the low population of the town and projected water demand, carting remains the most cost-effective option for providing Northcliffe's drinking water supply.