

ALCOA HUNTLY MINE

90. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to Alcoa's Huntly mine in the Darling Range.

- (1) Satellite imagery reveals a growing, 300-hectare mining pit, which is two kilometres wide, and located south east of Kamet Prison Farm. A network of such pits extends over a range of approximately 20 kilometres and new pits contain islands of habitat that are disconnected from the remnant forest nearby. Will the minister please advise —
 - (a) is there is a maximum limit to the size of these pits;
 - (b) is there is a maximum to the percentage of cleared forest in a mining envelope for an approved mine;
 - (c) what measures are taken to protect animal and plant species in those stranded habitats;
 - (d) are fauna and flora management plans for these areas available to the public; and
 - (e) do species survey data before and after mining exist; and, if so, will they be made available?
- (2) If no to any of (a)–(e), why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade has provided the following information.

More time is required to answer this question. The information will be provided to the member by 13 May 2021.