

WATER CORPORATION — BRINE DISPOSAL

5507. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Water:

- (1) Has disposal of the brine into the Wilson Inlet been looked at as an option, and if so what detail of work has been done on it?
- (2) Has more than one consultant been engaged to assess the environmental impact of the brine being disposed of at the Water Corporation tree farm in Albany, and if so why, and what are the names of the consultants and the dates they were engaged?
- (3) Is disposal of the brine into the Denmark River still being considered as an option, and if not why not?

**Ms M.J. Davies replied:**

- (1) Yes. This option has not progressed beyond an initial conceptual assessment based on desktop evaluations of the environmental, native title/heritage, cost and social considerations such as traffic, recreational and tourism impacts.
- (2) No.
- (3) Yes.