

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL — PROPOSED WASTE FACILITY

30. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council has proposed to build a new facility to remediate class 4 and 5 waste.

- (1) Was the minister or his office or the minister's predecessor and her office briefed on the project; and, if so, when?
- (2) Was the minister aware that a seven-day community consultation process in relation to this process occurred in mid-January; and, if so, is this abbreviated consultation period typical?
- (3) Will the Environmental Protection Authority conduct a full and public environmental review of the proposal?
- (4) If yes to (3), what factors will the EPA consider?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1) My office was informed on 10 January 2022 that the seven-day consultation process would occur from 11 January 2022.
- (2) The seven-day consultation process is a standard EPA process for all referrals; it is not an abbreviated consultation period.
- (3) The EPA is yet to make a decision on the level of assessment for this proposal.

The answer has only three parts.