

SWAN-CANNING RIVERS — SEWAGE SPILL PENALTIES

665. Hon BARBARA SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

Will the minister detail the penalties that apply for sewage spills into the Swan-Canning Rivers system?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The answer is quite long and roughly in a tabular form, so I seek leave to table the answer and have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 4111.]

The following material was incorporated —

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided an answer in the following terms:

There are a range of penalties that may apply for sewage spills into the Swan-Canning River system. This is because the severity or impact of the spill may give rise to various offences. These offences are as follows:

- Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations regulation 3(1) penalty \$5 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 49(2)
 - Individual - \$500 000 and/or 5 years imprisonment and a daily penalty of \$100 000
 - Body Corporate - \$1 000 000 and a daily penalty of \$200 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 49(3)
 - Individual - \$250 000 and/or 3 years imprisonment and a daily penalty of \$50 000
 - Body Corporate - \$500 000 and a daily penalty of \$100 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 49(4) (where the emission causes an unreasonable odour)
 - Individual - \$125 000 and a daily penalty of \$25 000
 - Body Corporate - \$250 000 and a daily penalty of \$50 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 49(5) (where the emission causes an unreasonable odour)
 - Individual - \$62 500 and a daily penalty of \$12 500
 - Body Corporate - \$125 000 and a daily penalty of \$25 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 50A(1)
 - Individual \$500 000 and/or 5 years imprisonment and a daily penalty of \$100 000
 - Body Corporate - \$1 000 000 and a daily penalty of \$200 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 50A(2)
 - Individual \$250 000 and/or 3 years imprisonment and a daily penalty of \$50 000
 - Body Corporate \$500 000 and a daily penalty of \$100 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 50B(1)
 - Individual \$250 000 and/or 3 years imprisonment and a daily penalty of \$50 000
 - Body Corporate - \$500 000 and a daily penalty of \$100 000
 - Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 50B(2)
 - Individual \$125 000 and a daily penalty of \$25 000
 - Body Corporate \$250 000 and a daily penalty of \$50 000
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