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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

RE: Inquiry into the Implications for Western Australia of Hydraulic Fracturing for Unconventional Gas.

Transcript of Evidence

I have issues with this paragraph on page 7. I was thinking in number of directions at that time and did not clearly present a considered line of thought. I have tried to correct and clarify that now.

The corrected paragraph reads:

Mr Hortin: Obviously, ultimately it comes back to the number of wells. In the Dongara area the conventional gas wells are dispersed, aren't they? There are not many of them and, as we have said, if you are going to frack country, to get most of the gas out of it, you have to have **many** wells. Earlier on we heard that they are now bringing in **horizontal fracking** to this fracked area, the distance between wells would have to be greater. **They would be narrower if you have vertical wells**, they have to be closer together. If you go to horizontal fracking and that, they are still going to be closer than what they would have been. **(This is referring to the AWE presentation where they stated that the trend was now to reduce the radius of the fracturing, and have more control)**. So it is the impact, and, as I said, Bill Tinapple suggested that there could be 10,000 wells. *In correspondence with the DMP, Bill Tinapple again indicated that with the experience in America he quoted wells as close as one to 40 acres – he quoted that in a letter to us.* What happens to your grain growing? That has gone out the window. You might be able to do some stock grazing in and amongst that, but as far as the impact on agriculture, that's a write off.

I would like to correct the "In correspondence" sentence where I have incorrectly quoted the letter. The letter was in fact from the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Mr Moore and included answers to several questions which were answered directly by the DMP. I should not have mentioned Mr Tinapple's name in relation to this letter and I would like it withdrawn. The area I quoted of 40 acres should have been more correctly around 40 Hectares. Quoting from the DMP's answer "In the absence of this data it can be useful to examine field developments in the USA where multiple well site spacing usually range from one for every 80 to 160 acres".

Yours Faithfully

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