

SOUTH BEACH URBAN DEVELOPMENT, METHANE GAS TRAP

822. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) What studies have been completed or started into the potential impacts of the South Beach urban development presenting a methane gas trap on the western edge of the Fremantle Village Chalet Centre?
 - (2) If studies have been completed will the Minister table them?
 - (3) Has the Department had any discussions with the developer of the South Beach urban development in regard to -
 - (a) methane gas moving laterally into the South Beach urban development site from surrounding tipsites through soil profiles; and
 - (b) the new development creating a potentially explosive methane gas trap?
 - (4) If yes to (3a) or (3b), will the Minister table all correspondence between the Department and the developer?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection has requested that the developers of the former Woolstores site, part of the South Beach development, to assess any impact that the infilling of the Woolstores site may have on any methane beneath the South Fremantle landfill, including the Fremantle Chalet Village. To-date, this work has not been reported to the Department and this is therefore not available for release.
- (2)-(3) Answered by (1).
- (4) There is a substantial amount of correspondence on the South Beach site, covering a broad range of issues.

Specific requests for correspondence are best dealt with through an application under the Freedom of Information process.