

LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

535. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:

In relation to the Brookdale liquid waste treatment plant, which is being used for the storage and treatment of toxic and volatile waste, I ask -

- (1) What was the process by which the Brookdale site was chosen as an appropriate location?
- (2) What other sites were investigated?
- (3) What form of community consultation occurred as each site was assessed?
- (4) Who carried out the evaluation of each site?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage advises that -

- (1) The identification of a suitable site for the liquid waste treatment plant was made against site selection criteria by the Department of Health in 1989.
- (3) The potential sites considered were Canning Vale waste water treatment plant, Woodman Point waste water treatment plant and the Westfield-Brookdale waste water treatment plant. The current site was deemed most appropriate and was considered acceptable by the Environmental Protection Authority in its assessment of environmental and social aspects.
- (2) Other sites considered were Canning Vale waste water treatment plant and the Woodman Point waste water treatment plant.
- (3) A public environmental review into the establishment of the non-hazardous industrial treatment plant at the Brookdale site - formerly the Westfield site - was released for an eight-week public review period in 1989.
- (4) An evaluation of the Brookdale site against selection criteria was undertaken by the Department of Health in 1989. An independent assessment against environmental and social aspects was also undertaken by the EPA.