

CLIMATE CHANGE — GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

125. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Climate Action:

I refer to the federal government's recently announced safeguard mechanism reforms.

- (1) In view of the federal government's policy, will the state's Environmental Protection Authority redraft its *Environmental factor guideline: Greenhouse gas emissions*?
- (2) Is the draft revised environmental factor guideline published on 3 February 2023 on the EPA website still being used to inform the development, consideration, and assessment of a proposal under part IV of the Environmental Protection Act?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Climate Action, I provide the following answer.

- (1) I am advised that the Environmental Protection Authority is in the process of finalising its *Environmental factor guideline: Greenhouse gas emissions*. As part of the Environmental Protection Authority's review, it is considering comments raised through consultation and the most contemporary science and policy settings.
- (2) The draft revised *Environmental factor guideline: Greenhouse gas emissions* was published on 27 July 2022 for an eight-week consultation period. The current environmental factor guideline published in April 2020 is the principal guidance applied by the Environmental Protection Authority, while the revised draft is being finalised. I note that a key line in the Environmental Protection Authority's guidance states —

The approach outlined in our guidelines will be applied with regard to evolving state and national policy settings or new international commitments.