

WASTE LEVY — EAST ROCKINGHAM AND KWINANA

604. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the East Rockingham waste-to-energy plant due to be delivered in 2023 and the Kwinana waste-to-energy plant that is expected in 2025. I also refer to the government's recent media announcement on 26 May 2023 about increasing the landfill waste levy.

- (1) Will there be a waste levy on waste that goes to either the East Rockingham or Kwinana facilities?
- (2) If yes to (1), what will be the levy at each facility?
- (3) If no to (1), how does this align with the waste hierarchy and the state government's goal to have all local governments transition to food organics and garden organics by 2025?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

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

- (1) No decision has been made to impose a waste levy on waste disposed to waste-to-energy facilities. The waste levy only applies to waste disposed to landfill in the Perth metropolitan region and to waste from that region disposed to landfill anywhere in the state.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Energy recovery from waste will play a critical role in Western Australia's future waste management system, as energy recovery will be the preferred disposal option for genuinely residual waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill. Residual waste is the waste that remains after the application of source separation processes, such as food organics and garden organics, and recycling systems.