

LAKE KEPWARI — PREMIER COAL SITE

1931. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Lake Kepwari mine void on Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine site in Collie, and ask:

- (a) is the Lake Kepwari mine void currently being used as a diving training venue;
- (b) how was the availability to use the Lake Kepwari mine void allocated to the current company using the facility as a training site; and
- (c) does the Department of Mines and Petroleum have any control over how mine voids are used, the purpose of their use and who accesses the mine voids for such purposes?

Mr W.R. Marmion replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a)–(b) This question should be referred to the Minister for Environment.
- (c) The Department of Mines and Petroleum has statutory input into approvals, operations, safety, and mine closure that relate to mine voids subject to the provisions contained within the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*, *Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995* and *Mining Act 1978* and *Mining Regulations 1981*.