

BROOKDALE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP, MEMBERSHIP

**Hon JIM SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

Hon Tom Stephens: Will you too sing our praises?

The PRESIDENT: The minister will come to order.

Hon JIM SCOTT: I ask -

- (1) Did the minister's chief of staff chair a meeting of the Brookdale community reference group in Armadale on Thursday, 5 June 2003, and at that meeting advise that new members had been appointed?
- (2) If so, can the minister provide the names of the new BCRG members?
- (3) Have any of the original BCRG members been removed or replaced by newly appointed members?
- (4) If so, can the minister provide details of who has been replaced and why?
- (5) Can the minister detail what changes have been made to the terms of reference of the committee and why these changes have been made?
- (6) When will the members of the BCRG, including those who have been removed, receive sitting fees for committee meetings they have attended over the past six months?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage has provided the following response -

- (1) The minister's chief of staff facilitated a meeting of the Brookdale community reference group at Armadale on 5 June 2003 and informed the group that, on the advice of the community-recommended independent chair, the minister was adjourning the group as it was constituted because there had been very little productivity, reports of unacceptable and dysfunctional behaviour, and ongoing incidents of disruption. At one point several members of the group left the meeting shouting obscenities and abuse. Advice provided to the meeting indicated that new appointments would be made in the near future, following a public advertising exercise.
- (2)-(4) The names of the new members will be provided once the appointment process has been finalised.
- (5) Proposed new draft terms of reference were discussed with the BCRG and its input was sought. These maintain an essential focus on the decommissioning of the Brookdale liquid waste treatment plant and health and environmental issues.
- (6) The minister is advised that payment of sitting fees has commenced and should be finalised over the next two weeks.