

STATE WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION

1891. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Was the State Water Conservation Strategy released for public review in July 2002?
- (2) Have the public comments and suggested responses been compiled yet?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Why hasn't the State Water Conservation Strategy been completed and implemented?
- (5) In view of the urgency of the current water crisis why has so little attention been given to completing and implementing this important strategy?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) The process was altered such that the key elements of the State Water Conservation Strategy were included in the State Water Strategy released in February 2003. These are: integrated resource planning and water use efficiency included in allocation and licensing; recycled water targets; water use targets; waterwise on the farm; legislation for showerheads and taps; information and rebates on efficiency measures for consumers; water efficient government buildings; and assistance for innovative technology in water conservation and use efficiency.
- (4)-(5) The State Water Strategy, including the main elements of the State Water Conservation Strategy, is being implemented and is at an advanced stage.