

BROOKDALE LIQUID WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY, APPROVAL

226. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Can the Minister outline the processes to be followed before the Brookdale Liquid Waste Facility will be able to handle toxic wastes?
- (2) What is the ambit of the current Ministerial approval in regard to -
- (a) types of chemicals that the facility will accept; and
- (b) time limit on the operation of the facility?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) To enable the Brookdale Liquid Waste Treatment Facility (LWTF) to accept waste deemed hazardous under previous Ministerial approvals, the Consultative Environmental Review Process must be followed. The remaining steps of the process are outlined below.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) summarises the public submissions.

Waste Management (WA) responds to public submissions and amends the proposal where this is deemed to be an appropriate response to submissions.

The EPA provides advice to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on the acceptability of the proposal. The advice contains draft Ministerial Conditions, a copy of the summary of submissions and the proponents responses.

The Minister publishes the EPA report.

The public is afforded the opportunity to appeal the report.

The Minister determines the appeals (if any) and consults with Government Decision Making Authorities to seek agreement on whether or not, and in what manner, the proposal may be implemented.

Minister issues a statement as to the acceptability or otherwise of the proposal.

- (2) (a) The LWTF is currently permitted to accept all liquid wastes except those contained on the attached list (extract from Ministerial Direction, issued 7 July 1998). (Attachment 1). [See paper No 852.]
- (b) Ministerial approval for the operation of the facility does not have a time limit. However, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage has directed that no waste is to be received at the facility outside of environmental approvals as from 28 February 2002.