

WASTE CONTROL PTY LTD, GROUND WATER TESTING AT BELLEVUE SITE

102. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Have any contaminants been detected in the groundwater by testing at or near the waste control fire site in Bellevue?
 - (2) Will the Minister table these results?
 - (3) Does this represent a breakthrough of contaminants at the site?
 - (4) Does this represent an abnormally rapid rate of movement of contaminants through soil?
 - (5) Will the DEP take immediate action to prevent further contamination of the groundwater?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I now seek leave to table a Water and Rivers Commission document. [See paper No 550.]
- (3) There is clearly some contamination of the groundwater that may have resulted from past practices at Waste Control and/or the fire.
- (4) It is not possible to draw this conclusion at this time.
- (5) The DEP has requested the liquidator appointed to wind up Waste Control Pty Ltd to conduct a site assessment of the Waste Control site. This study will most likely include an assessment of the adjacent property that is owned by Main Roads Department. The assessment will enable a decision to be made about the need for additional remediation.