

ACID SULFATE SOILS, MANAGEMENT, ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSALS

2230. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

Since the release of the DoE report, *General Guidance on Managing Acid Sulphate Soils*, in 2003 -

- (1) How many proposals has the DoE assessed which occur, wholly or partly, in areas identified in the WAPC Bulletin 64 as being in high-risk acid sulphate areas?
- (2) Will the Minister list each proposal and the proponent?
- (3) How many of these proposals has the DoE recommended not proceed?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

1. There have been 237 proposals referred to the Department of Environment (DoE) for assessment since the release of the WAPC Planning Bulletin 64 in November 2003.
2. Reports submitted to the DoE are available via application to the DoE Freedom of Information officer.
3. None. The reports submitted to the DoE primarily relate to acid sulphate soil investigations and management plans for projects which have already been approved for development via the planning system. These plans set out how proponents proposed to manage the potential effects of acid sulphate soils on their developments.