

TWO ROCKS MARINA, CONTAMINATION

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

I refer to the contaminated Two Rocks marina.

- (1) Have Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd agreed to remediate the contaminated site?
- (2) Has testing for fuel contamination in the Two Rocks marina commenced; and if yes, has contamination been detected?
- (3) Will the minister table the site investigation and ground water monitoring reports relating to on-site and off-site contamination from the fuel depot; and if not, why not?
- (4) Will the minister table the public health and safety plan for the remediation of the site?
- (5) Has community consultation about the contaminated site been conducted as required under the national environmental protection measure for the management of contaminated sites; and if not, why not?
- (6) How will the minister ensure that the contamination plume is completely remediated and the Two Rocks marine environment protected?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

I seek leave to have the answer incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The answer is as follows -

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

1. Yes, Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd have submitted a remediation strategy to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which the DEP has approved.
2. No investigations of the water in the marina have been undertaken to date. The DEP has advised Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd of the need to investigate the marina to determine if any impact has occurred. Investigations of soil and groundwater at the site have been undertaken by Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd as part of the removal of the underground storage tanks and associated pipework and a detailed site investigation. Hydrocarbon contamination has been identified in soil and groundwater at the site.
3. Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd City have provided information on the contamination at the site to the DEP. This information is available through the Freedom of Information process, or directly from Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd.
4. The Department is unaware of a document entitled: 'public health and safety plan'. However, the DEP has advised that they have received two reports entitled: 'Tank Validation Report (April 2000) and "Phase II Detailed Site Investigation (October 2002)'. These reports can only be accessed through Freedom of Information, or directly from Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and Caltex. The DEP has consistently been encouraging Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and Caltex to maintain open lines of communication with the community by releasing such reports to the community. As Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and Caltex are the owners of these reports, the Minister is not in a position to release them. DEP has also advised that under the Contaminated Sites Management Series of Guidelines, all clean-up proposals require a site management plan and a health & safety and environmental plan to be prepared. When these reports are prepared, once again, the DEP will be encouraging Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and Caltex to release these reports to the public.
5. The DEP has advised Caltex and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd on a number of occasions to consult with the community regarding the contamination at the site and proposed remedial actions. The DEP attended a community meeting, on Monday 25 November 2002 to provide advice to the community. Representatives of Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd were also at this meeting.
6. The DEP has approved the proposed remediation strategy and is pursuing the use of enforcement action should remediation of the site not commence in the very near future.