

BROOKDALE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, TREATMENT OF TOXIC AND VOLATILE  
WASTE

**555. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

Further to question without notice 352, I ask -

- (1) What process was followed to select the Brookdale wastewater treatment plant as a site to treat toxic and volatile waste?
- (2) What other sites were investigated for the storage and treatment of toxic and volatile waste?
- (3) What level of investigation was conducted into alternative sites to Brookdale for the handling of hazardous waste?
- (4) What form of community consultation occurred as part of this assessment?
- (5) Will the minister table the documentation relevant to the assessment of Brookdale and other sites assessed for the handling of hazardous waste?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Department of Environmental Protection has advised that the Brookdale liquid waste treatment facility was selected in 1998 for the management of hazardous waste in response to a clear community need for the safe treatment of such material. At the time of selection, there was no formal process for assessing alternative sites. However, issues such as transport access and existing infrastructure were taken into consideration.
- (2) At the time of the selection of Brookdale in 1998, no other sites were formally investigated.
- (3) Answered in (2) above.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.