

PFAS CONTAMINATION — OLD BUSSELTON LANDFILL SITE

**568. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the contamination of land adjacent to the old Busselton landfill site with toxins such as hydrocarbons and PFAS, which is affecting 50 landowners.

- (1) How is the state government and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation working with the City of Busselton and landowners to reach a long-term solution for the site?
- (2) Have any cost estimates been determined for the clean-up of the site?
- (3) Will a scheme be in place post-June 2023 to continue to compensate landowners who have been using scheme water instead of bore water?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The City of Busselton is responsible for the investigation, risk assessment, remediation works and associated stakeholder engagement for this site. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is regulating the works being carried out by the City of Busselton under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003, and is working closely with the Department of Health.
- (2) The City of Busselton is responsible for the remediation works, including an estimation of costs.
- (3) The City of Busselton is responsible for stakeholder engagement on the contamination and remediation of this site. There are no provisions for compensation under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003.