

**PLANNING — GREENPATCH–DALYELLUP — ODOUR MODELLING**

*Question without Notice 755 — Answer*

**HON DARREN WEST (Agricultural — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.06 pm]: Last week on 8 August, Hon Ben Dawkins asked question without notice 755, which, in fact, was directed to the Minister for Environment.

I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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- (1) The Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) 2011 submission to the WAPC referred to the inclusion of an odour buffer in the Structure Plan and offered advice on the Shire of Capel's Town Planning Scheme 7 Amendment 2 for the Dalyellup Development Zone. The EPA advised the WAPC that the size of the buffer should be justified by appropriate modelling and analysis, and deferred to the former Department of Environment and Conservation to provide further technical advice.
  - (2)–(3) There are inherent uncertainties in odour modelling which mean it is informative rather than definitive, and is one tool in a suite of odour assessment considerations that are used to guide separation distances, planning decisions and regulatory responses.  
  
Decisions by planning authorities to include odour buffers and special control areas in the Bunbury Region Scheme do not obviate industry, including the Water Corporation, from their responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 to avoid unreasonable emissions, pollution or environmental harm.  
  
The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation actively monitors and responds to odour complaints through its Pollution Watch reporting hotline and takes regulatory action when warranted.
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