

SELECT COMMITTEE INTO WATER SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT

Notice of Motion

Mr P.D. Omodei (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move -

- (1) That this house calls on the state Labor government to refer all matters pertaining to its policy on water supply and management to a parliamentary select committee to inquire into and report on -
 - (a) proposed legislative changes;
 - (b) the timetable of legislation and implementation;
 - (c) proposals for licensing of water supplies;
 - (d) the rationale for any change of riparian rights;
 - (e) proposals for water resource management charges;
 - (f) proclamation of areas of the state and any anomalies within the proposed proclamations;
 - (g) proposed governance of licensing and management;
 - (h) whether the National Water Initiative compels Western Australia to implement new water and resource management charges;
 - (i) whether a “one size fits all” will work to the benefit of Western Australian farmers and landholders;
 - (j) why the state government has excluded backyard bores in the metropolitan area from any charges on the basis that they are not affecting ground water levels;
 - (k) the uniformity of government proposals across Western Australia;
 - (l) how the government proposals will affect springs on private property and the definition of springs;
 - (m) what is the actual cost of licensing and management in this state;
 - (n) whether self-management of proclaimed areas is a more appropriate model;
 - (o) what services are provided to landholders by government in relation to water licensing and management;
 - (p) off-stream dams and dams used for aesthetic values;
 - (q) cooperative and independent boards and their role in water management;
 - (r) the effect of the Labor government’s proposed water charging regime on farm viability, householders, pensioners (senior citizens) and not-for-profit organisations;
 - (s) whether it would be more equitable for any water-charging regime to be met by the consolidated account;
 - (t) a phased implementation of fees to be introduced over the next 10 years if approved by Parliament;
 - (u) transfer of water within and between catchments; and
 - (v) any other matter relating to the state Labor government’s proposal to introduce water licensing and management fees.
- (2) That the select committee report to this house by 30 June 2008.