

COCKBURN SOUND, LICENCES TO DISCHARGE, REDUCTION

306. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In the State of Cockburn Sound report page 72 notes that decreases in licences to discharge into Cockburn Sound are planned -

- (1) Will the Minister for the Environment state which licences will be decreased and by what amounts?
- (2) When will each of these reductions come into effect?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

- (1) The State of Cockburn Sound Report produced by the Cockburn Sound Management Council is a supporting document for the development of the Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Sound.

While the Council and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) are making good progress, this process has not been finalised. These policies will set management objectives for Cockburn Sound however, the licensing of industries is a separate process clearly set out in the Environmental Protection Act 1986 . Each licence will be assessed on its merits as it comes up for review and managed consistent with the EPP once it has been gazetted.

- (2) Answered by (1).