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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 1177

MS CASTLEY MLA - To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction:

- (1) Can the Minister explain the rationale for where the floating wetlands were placed in Yerrabi Pond.
- (2) Will there be testing of water quality in Yerrabi Pond to determine the effectiveness of the wetlands; if so, can the Minister provide details; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the floating wetlands be moved if they are not having an impact on water quality.

MR RATTENBURY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The floating wetland in the small bay directly below Amaroo was put in place to compete with excessive Vallisneria (ribbonweed) growth. The ribbonweed was growing abundantly, then being uprooted by swans and causing odour as it decomposed. The floating wetland just outside the embayment in the pond proper was placed to absorb some of the nutrients circulating in the ponds.
- (2) All recently built water quality assets, including floating wetlands, will be tested for their performance over time.
- (3) Yes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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