

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE, December 2010

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Question 31

Air quality report - When was this information provided by the EPA?

The EPA provided the OCSE with the ACT Air Quality Report 2009 in July 2010. The report was completed in June 2010.

Question 32

What assessment was made of Tuggeranong Canberra Technology City concerns?

The complainant was concerned about the environmental and health issues, in particular the health risk, of air pollution through particulate matter 2.5 and the environmental and climate consequences of air pollution. The OCSE sought information from ACTPLA, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and ACT Health regarding these concerns.

ACT Health identified shortcomings in the draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding adequate assessment of air quality (in particular PM 2.5) and noise. Additional work was undertaken on these issues. ACT Health advised that "the DA for the CTC proposal at the new site in Hume did subsequently include the adequate modelling for PM2.5 fraction. ACT Health assessed the findings of this modelling and found that, in relation to the proposed release of PM2.5 concentrations from the

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CTC development, any impact from the CTC development would not be discernable from the existing PM2.5 concentrations monitored (ie would not be significant)".

The EPA advised this Office that they had no issues with respect to air quality and gas consumption. The Environment Protection Authority did raise concerns relating to the impacts from noise on the adjacent rural residential property 'Stonyhurst'. It is understood that this will be addressed prior to commencement of operation of the facility by the relocation of the residence. The Environment Protection Authority advised that under the *Environment Protection Act 1997* the generation of electricity will require an Environmental Authorisation before operation can commence.

This information was provided to the complainant.

Question 33

Rabbit management - Is poison the best way? What are the residual effect of 1080 versus other poisons in terms of its half life?

The OCSE had a paper prepared on Managing Rabbits in Canberra Nature Park by Dr Kent Williams to inform the Investigation into Canberra Nature Park (nature reserves); Molonglo River Corridor (nature reserves) and Googong Foreshores. This paper is attached for your information.

Question 34

Grasslands Forum - provide a list of people who attended.

Lowland Native Grassland Forum (report attached)

Presenters

Mr Peter Davey - Chair

Mr Greg Baines

Ms Belinda McNeice

Mr Geoff Robertson

Dr Maxine Cooper

Scribe

Ms Lynne Duckham - BeaconHill Consulting

Acceptances

Ms Anna van Dugteren, ACT Natural Resources Management Council

Ms Esther Duffy

Mr John Feint, ACT Natural Resources Management Council

Ms Sarah Sharp - consultant

Mr Don Fletcher - PCL

Ms Kristy Gould - PCL

Ms Sharon Lane - PCL

Ms Claire Wimpenny - PCL

Mr Kerrin Styles - PCL

Mr Stuart Jeffress - PCL

Mr Ian Baird - DECCEW

Dr Michael Mulvaney
Mr John Starr – Gold Creek Station
Ms Jessica Lamb – NCA
Ms Cathy Robertson – STEP
Mr Bruce Lambie - Department of Defence
Ms Jo Benson – Department of Defence
Ms Bonnie Reynolds - Ginninderra Catchment Group Coordinator
Mr Damon Cusack - Ginninderra Catchment Group
Dr Ian Pulsford – NSW DECCW
Mr Rainer Rehwinkel – NSW DECCW
Ms Isobel Crawford - Limestone Plains Group
Ms Gordana Josipovic - Canberra Airport
Ms Nora Preston – Wildlife Carers Group
Mr Chris Murphy – DEWHA

Question 35

The Electricity cost for 2008/2009 was \$5803 and for 2009/2010 was \$5697