

Question on Notice

No. 861

Asked on Thursday, 26 May 2011

MR WELLINGTON asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION

With reference to the proposed new Caloundra South development on the Sunshine Coast, and the Minister's previous answer to my last question on this matter—

Will the Minister make any investigations into how the local council proposes to manage the waste disposal from this proposed new community and, in particular, if a proposed new landfill site has been identified to accommodate waste generated by the proposed new community?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question.

As the population in South East Queensland continues to grow, the issue of waste minimisation as well as the effective and efficient disposal of waste is important.

As advised in my response to your last question on notice about this subject (QoN 275), the proposed Development Scheme includes an implementation strategy that provides for best practise waste reduction techniques that is consistent with the draft Queensland Waste Strategy 2010–2020. These include:

- reducing, recycling and reusing demolition, construction and household waste materials
- providing for demonstration projects for alternative technology and service model projects for waste avoidance and recovery
- containing strategies for sustainable waste avoidance and resource recovery
- setting transparent and accountable targets to reduce household waste and
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In an effort to minimise the amount of waste from Caloundra South, the Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) has included a range of ambitious targets in the proposed development scheme.

For example it is intended that by 2016 household waste will be reduced to 150 kilograms per person per year (current Queensland household disposal level is 267 kilograms per person per year). Further, it is intended there will be 75 per cent recovery and recycling in demolition and construction waste.

As previously advised, it is intended that household waste will be dealt with under Council's system. In Queensland (including throughout existing Urban Development Areas), it is usual practice for a developer or builder to notify Council of the need to commence a rubbish collection service following the registration of allotments and as the construction of dwellings nears completion.

In relation to any proposed new landfill site, the ULDA understands that for a number of years Council has identified a site just to the north of the Urban Development Area to provide a sustainable waste management hub for the Sunshine Coast. Council is currently preparing a master plan for the site.