

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Essential Services:

Coolalinga Central Onsite Water Treatment Plant

- 1. Please advise under what direction from Power Water Corporation (PWC) was the Onsite Water Treatment Plant (OSWTP) established at Coolalinga Central commercial shopping centre and residential estate?**

There was no direction given by Power and Water to the developer. It was a negotiated agreement.

- 2. Why was the OSWTP established and managed by the developer and not PWC?**

Power and Water negotiated with the developer as there was no reticulated or accessible treatment system in the area.

- 3. Are you aware of any situation at Coolalinga Central OSWTP that would be considered a risk to the community?**

When operated correctly there should be no additional risk to the community.

- 4. What is PWC considering as options to provide a solution to this problem?**

It is unclear what problem is referred to, noting the wastewater treatment solution is a matter for its private owners.

- 5. When will PWC be in a position to provide a public service with the installation of a rising main to this community and at what cost?**

The cost of the rising main would need to be met by the developer or private owner. The cost of which has not been determined by Power and Water.

- 6. Why was the developer required to pay a \$1.8 million bond to PWC?**

As security for the provision of wastewater treatment services should Power and Water need to step-in and operate the plant.

- a) How are PWC proposing to spend the \$1.8 million bond?**

On maintenance and operational activities to the treatment plant.

- 7. Has this \$1.8 million bond been quarantined for the OSWTP?**

Yes.

- 8. Is the Government concerned about the protracted legal complexities that may prolong PWCs ability to access the site?**

No.