

**Question on Notice
No. 592
Asked on 20 May 2004**

QUESTION:

MRS MENKENS asked the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel)—

With reference to concerns that I have previously raised with him about a salinity problem on Mr Dave McKinnon's property on Crocodile Creek Road near Townsville and while his department dismissed Mr McKinnon's assertions that a nearby aquaculture facility is the cause of the salinity problem in its initial brief investigation—

Is he aware that Mr McKinnon has since received advice from the Townsville City Council that it is requesting approvals from the owner of the aquaculture facility in relation to "the absence of the receiving channel being indicated on the approved plans" and if so, what action is his department taking in relation to this new information?

ANSWER:

My department advises that the Townsville City Council is requesting information from the owner of the aquaculture facility to determine whether there are any issues of non-compliance with the town planning approval issued by Council in 1990. This request is a Council matter and the Environmental Protection Agency will not be involved beyond providing advice to Council if requested.