

Question on Notice

No. 526

Asked on 15 March 2007

Ms JONES asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

What commitment has the Brisbane City Council made to support the State Government's water grid infrastructure and secure water supply for Brisbane residents?

ANSWER:

Pursuant to the Water Amendment Regulation (No.6) 2006, made under the *Water Act 2000*, the Brisbane City Council is mentioned as a service provider directed to carry out certain measures and achieve certain outcomes to ensure the security of essential water supplies to the SEQ region.

Specifically, the Brisbane City Council is required to:

- prepare for and carry out the raising of Mt Crosby Weir for completion before 31 December 2008 to achieve a target water availability of 15 megalitres per day;
- under the Brisbane Aquifer project, make a substitution of 20 megalitres per day from the existing water supply system with underground water sourced from the Brisbane City Council's local government area before 30 June 2007;
- achieve a water consumption saving of at least 20 megalitres per day before 31 March 2008 by substituting recycled water to appropriate industrial and commercial customers using more than 1000 megalitres per year;
- implement a system of pressure and leakage management to collectively achieve, in combination with other participating councils, a total saving of 60 megalitres per day before 31 August 2008;
- participate in the SEQ Home WaterWise Service retrofit program to collectively achieve, in combination with other participating Councils, a collective 8.5 megalitre per day reticulated water saving by 31 December 2007; and
- participate in the Business Water Efficiency Program to collectively achieve, in combination with SEQ Water and other participating Councils, a total saving of 12 megalitres per day of reticulated water by 30 April 2008.