

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 880

asked on Wednesday, 7 June 2007

MR KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Border Rivers ROP process, and in particular the referral panel—

- (1) Will he provide the names of the members appointed to this referral panel?
- (2) Will he qualify each member's appointment to this panel?
- (3) Will he clarify the referral panel's terms of reference and appointment?
- (4) Will he guarantee to instigate a proper, independent and open review process to ensure a fair and reasonable outcome, should the recommendation or decision made by the referral panel or chief executive be shown to be based on bias, incorrect, incomplete or scientifically flawed within a 12 month period following the adoption of the ROP process?

ANSWER:

- (1) Due to the State's privacy provisions, my Department does not provide these contact details.
- (2) The panel members were selected in accordance with my Department's normal practices for selecting members for all Resource Operations Plan Referral Panels for the State.
- (3) The terms of reference sets out the process for making recommendations as required under section 1004 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act). The terms of reference also details the scope of work set out under section 102 of the Act.
- (4) If any person has any allegations about any of the Department's planning processes, those allegations should be referred to the appropriate authorities for investigation. There is no time limit on such complaints being made.