

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 28 March 2019

MR M BERKMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Coordinator-General's evaluation report for the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project, and its recommendation for a regional water balance model, as set out in Appendix 1, Section 2, Part B—

Will the Minister advise (a) has the numerical regional water balance model for the Galilee Basin, to address cumulative impacts of mining in the Belyando-Suttor sub-catchment and aquifers of the Eastern Galilee Basin, been produced, (b) if so, when does the government intend to release the results, in line with Recommendation 1(a)(vi) and (c) if not, why not?

ANSWER:

The Galilee Basin Groundwater Numerical Model Report and Bioregional Assessment products are publically available on the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy's Bioregional Assessment website at www.bioregionalassessments.gov.au/assessments/galilee-subregion.