

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 5 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to most of the Lockyer Valley recharge weirs being full of sediment—

Will the Minister commit to funding to see these weirs cleaned out?

ANSWER:

Seqwater is a state-owned statutory authority and is currently addressing this issue. Seqwater is currently working with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy to find a low or zero-cost approach to desilting the weirs in the Lockyer Valley.

Seqwater is in the early stages of investigating the potential for larger scale desilting works, including an assessment of current siltation impacts to prioritise affected weirs. Further work needs to be done to understand the overall performance outcomes these works could deliver.

Seqwater is currently working through the Commonwealth Government's environmental requirements to ensure any work undertaken meets all relevant regulations.

In the short-term, Seqwater recently performed maintenance work to improve flows to Redbank Creek, by improving water harvest ability during flow events. Work is also underway for improvements on Clarendon and Kentville weirs in the Lockyer Scheme, which will improve performance and recharge.