

Question on Notice

No. 421

Asked on Wednesday, 21 April 2021

MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if approval has been given to the proposal by Carbon Transport and Storage Company to pump liquid carbon dioxide into the Great Artesian Basin or any similar proposals that may have unknown impacts on the water quality and pressure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I can advise that Carbon Transport and Storage Company currently holds an environmental authority that allows exploratory activities associated with understanding geology and suitability for carbon capture and storage.

The current environmental authority does not authorise the injection of carbon dioxide into groundwater. The Company would be required to apply for an amendment to its environmental authority in order to carry out this activity.