

## Question on Notice

No. 1205

Asked on 27 October 2022

**MR S ANDREW** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

### QUESTION:

With reference to the companies involved in the state's renewable energy projects—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) what steps have been taken by the government to ensure these companies are contractually or legally required to carry out full-scale site rehabilitation work at the end of their operations and (b) if such work will include (at a minimum) (i) the safe removal and disposal of all project equipment, including solar panels, batteries, turbine blades, concrete bases and all aboveground and underground pipes/wiring and (ii) the full decontamination of surrounding vegetation, soils and water sources for the land the project was installed on?

### ANSWER:

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is the assessment manager for wind farms in Queensland.

In relation to (a) (b) and (c): Wind farms in Queensland are required to prepare a Decommissioning Management Plan that requires operators to remove all equipment, decontaminate the site, and undertake rehabilitation including revegetation. The operator must do this once the wind farm has ceased operating. In addition, wind farm approvals in Queensland require the rehabilitation of any construction footprint that is no longer required before the wind farm commences operation.