

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 491

asked on 9 May 2023

MR P WEIR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if there are any plans to expand the parameters of the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment to include the possible impacts from Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) on underground aquifers?

ANSWER:

The *Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009* provides the framework for exploration and potential commercialisation of CCS. At present the *Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009* is administered by the Minister for Resources and questions on future policy on the framework for CCS should be directed to that Minister.