

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 795

asked on Thursday, 13 June 2024

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**MR P WEIR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES AND CRITICAL MINERALS (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the exploration coal holes drilled in the 1960's and 1970's across the Condamine Alluvium—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many holes were drilled, (b) where they are located and (c) the condition of the casing?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Department of Resources has identified at least 993 holes drilled within the vicinity of the Condamine Alluvium between 1960 and 1979. This figure is approximate given that the department does not hold a complete dataset containing legacy boreholes drilled, the geological units intercepted, or their precise location.
- (b) The department has identified the location of 18 of the 993 boreholes reported. The table below identifies the location of each of the 18 boreholes identified. The location of the remaining boreholes cannot be identified, due to lack of available data, without placing unreasonable research requirements on the department. To attempt to answer part (b) in full, it is estimated that it would require in excess of 100 business days of effort and availability of suitably qualified staff to research and interrogate available data and spatially reference each borehole, to build a suitable model. Between 1960 and 1979, legislative requirements were administered under several Acts referred to collectively at the time as the Mining Act. This now superseded legislation contained different standards and practices compared to today's best practice reporting requirements and modern data collection systems.

Drilling Commenced	Borehole Number	latitude	longitude
8-Feb-70	60899	-26.9454	150.7676
7-Feb-70	60898	-26.9487	150.7657
24-Jan-70	60890	-26.9105	150.7606
23-Feb-70	60904	-26.9557	150.7674
5-Mar-70	60908	-26.9448	150.7726
23-Mar-70	60911	-26.9359	150.768
2-Jun-80	65308	-26.9833	150.8
27-May-79	65311	-26.9583	150.7611
Null	65350	-26.9389	150.8083
22-Mar-79	65352	-26.9625	150.7972
31-Mar-79	65366	-26.9555	150.9695

30-May-79	65368	-26.8417	150.7431
29-May-79	65374	-26.9792	150.7583
20-May-79	65378	-26.9553	150.7506
1-May-78	65380	-26.9611	150.7445
Null	65383	-26.9972	150.7639
21-Jun-78	65384	-26.975	150.8014
23-Jun-78	65385	-26.95	150.7764

- (c) The condition of the casing used for legacy coal boreholes drilled across the Condamine Alluvium between 1960 and 1979 is not readily available through the department's current systems.