

Question on Notice

No. 1143

Asked on 14 October 2025

MS J HOWARD ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Swanbank Public Health Inquiry which was undertaken by Queensland's former Chief Health Officer, Dr John Gerrard, to investigate health impacts of odours in Ipswich—

Will the Minister advise when the final report of that inquiry will be publicly released?

ANSWER

The residents of Ipswich have raised concerns over the health impacts of odour emanating from the Swanbank and New Chum industrial areas for many years.

After a decade of inaction, the Crisafulli Government has commissioned a Public Health Inquiry to deliver on its election commitment to the people of Ipswich.

Specialist physician and former Chief Health Officer, Dr John Gerrard, chaired the Public Health Inquiry supported by a panel with technical and clinical expertise in odour related environmental health matters.

As is required under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the report will be tabled in the Queensland Parliament on or before 19 November 2025.