

Question on Notice

No. 112

Asked on Thursday, 12 February 2026

HON L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the former Energex Depot on Blinzinger Road, Banyo, having been subject to ongoing remediation for hazardous contaminants—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by Title reference 1/RP124669, 2/RP124669, 1/RP82824, 2/RP82824)

- (a) on what date the Lot was removed from the
 - (i) Environmental Management Register
 - and (ii) Contaminated Land Register,
- (b) reasons why the site was removed from these Registers (as relevant),
- (c) when the last ground water testing sample was provided to the department,
- (d) what the result of the last ground water testing sample taken from the Lot was and
- (e) if a Site Management Plan is in place for the Lot, what the current conditions are of that Plan to ensure the community's safety now that approximately 400 homes are proposed for the site?

ANSWER:

In 2016 under the former Government, the former Energex Depot in Banyo was determined to be surplus to Government needs and was demolished. There was no plan put in place for its future use and the site has sat vacant ever since.

The site is located in a predominantly residential area only 13km from Brisbane City, and is within walking distance to a train station, shops and close to public facilities like a library and schools.

Following the Crisafulli Government's approval of the Land Activation Program (LAP), Economic Development Queensland expressed an interest to Energy Queensland as landowner, seeking a transfer of the land to allow the site to be used for housing. This transfer was complete and it is the first LAP site released to market to give more Queenslanders a place to call home.

1/ RP124669:

- (a)(i) N/A.
- (a)(ii) N/A. The site has never been listed on the Contaminated Land Register.
- (b) N/A.
- (c) 2025 for samples taken in 2023 and 2024.
- (d) Testing results include PFOS 0.109 µg/L; Sum of PFOS and PFHxS 0.294 µg/L; and Vinyl chloride 14.8 µg/L.
- (e) The Site Management Plan approves for *'dwellings with fully and permanently paved yard space such as units, high rise buildings and apartments'*.

2/ RP124669:

- (a)(i) N/A.
- (a)(ii) N/A. The site has never been listed on the Contaminated Land Register.
- (b) N/A.
- (c) 2025 for samples undertaken in 2023.
- (d) The most recent groundwater testing results include Sum of PFOS and PFHxS 0.003 µg/L; and Vinyl chloride 0.5 µg/L.
- (e) The Site Management Plan approves for *'dwellings with fully and permanently paved yard space such as units, high rise buildings and apartments'*.

1/ RP82824:

- (a)(i) 12 September 2019.
- (a)(ii) N/A. The site has never been listed on the Contaminated Land Register.
- (b) Site remediation works were carried out on the land and the Department received advice from a contaminated land auditor that the land could be removed from the EMR.
- (c) N/A. There are no groundwater monitoring bores located on this Lot.
- (d) N/A.
- (e) N/A.

2/ RP82824:

- (a)(i) 12 September 2019.
- (a)(ii) N/A. The site has never been listed on the Contaminated Land Register.
- (b) Site remediation works were carried out on the land and the Department received advice from a contaminated land auditor that the land could be removed from the EMR.
- (c) N/A. There are no groundwater monitoring bores located on this Lot.
- (d) N/A.
- (e) N/A.