

Inquiry into Emissions from the fossil fuel sector

NSW EPA response to the question on notice (page 65 of the uncorrected transcript)

The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO: I know we met last week, and I asked some questions about your involvement with the IDA processes. That was more related to data centres. But on a similar line of questioning, for projects that might be related to increasing fossil fuel emissions, have either of your organisations been engaged with the IDA to provide advice, whether it's proactive, whether you've been asked to be engaged or whatever that process is?

TONY CHAPPEL: In terms of specific sectors, or are you talking about the priority sectors?

The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO: In terms of potential for fossil fuel-emitting projects.

TONY CHAPPEL: I'll take that on notice just so we can give you a complete answer, because I'm not, off the top of my head, familiar with specific advice we've given. But let me take that on notice.

The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO: Thank you. Mr Riley?

MATTHEW RILEY: I'll take that on notice as well. I'm not aware of the discussions that have been had. That's not to say they haven't occurred, so I'll take that on notice.

Answer:

The EPA was invited by the Investment Delivery Authority (IDA) to comment on the first round of Expressions of Interest using the criteria published by the IDA. The Expressions of Interest provided to the EPA were in three categories: data centres and technology, renewable energy and energy security, and hotels critical to visitor economy growth. The EPA provided high-level comments on matters relevant to its regulatory responsibilities, which include environment protection licensing, noise, air quality, water pollution, contamination and the potential for the EPA's Guide for Large Emitters to apply.