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Dear Ms Hollands

Response to Question(s) Taken on Notice - Ordinary Council Meeting 29 October 2019

Thank you for your question(s) placed before Council at its meeting held 29 October 2019, and subsequently taken on notice. Our records show the question(s) as listed below and for your convenience the City's response follows:

Question

Recently BRRAG lodged an application to be a third party in the State Administrative Tribunal matter for the Youth Centre at 49 Hardey Road. They discovered the adjacent property, which now has the Comfort Inn Motel on it, is under investigation for potential contamination from PFAS, the site previously had the Belmont Fire Station on it. When was the City of Belmont first notified by the department regarding the potential PFAS?

Response:

The City was first notified in June 2017 that the property at 47 Hardey Road, Belmont (Comfort Inn Motel) was being investigated as potentially contaminated.

Question

Is the City of Belmont going to ask for an environmental report given this or are they going to do anything such as a Form 1 Contamination Site?

Response:

As 49 Hardey Road has not been classified as a site known or suspected to be contaminated, there are no reasonable grounds to require an environmental report for the purposes of assessing the development application.

The responsibility lies with the polluter to report known or suspected contamination; in this case, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is the responsible State government agency.

Question

Is there going to be something done about it because the Councillors have to vote if there is going to be environmental impact?

Response:

The application for 49 Hardey Road will be presented for Council to determine at the December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting. The report will include information on environmental implications for Council to consider in making their decision.

This response will be reported at our next Council meeting scheduled for 19 November 2019.

Yours sincerely



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