



# STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria  
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **Grimley Quizzes Minister on PFAS *Again***

State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Stuart Grimley MP has again quizzed the State Government on the dumping of toxic soil in Bacchus Marsh, which the EPA has approved plans for recently.

Mr Grimley expressed frustration over the recent approved plans from the Environment Protection Authority to send the West Gate Tunnel's spoil to Maddingley Brown Coal in Bacchus Marsh and Hi-Quality in Bulla.

In Parliament, he asked the Minister why the State Government is unable to "provide assurances that this contaminated soil will not be dumped closer than 400 metres away from 2000 school children and next to waterways that irrigate farm lands that grow produce for all over Victoria?"

Mr Grimley also noted in Parliament that although the EPA states testing on the spoil has shown the amount of PFAS to be low, the risk based trigger levels of PFAS during containment has been redacted in the environmental management plans that have been released.

As a result, Mr Grimley is concerned that the "whole picture" isn't visible, with the EPA holding back important information.

### **Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:**

"The Government have been extremely secretive about the dumping of possibly toxic soil and the Bacchus Marsh community - including the local Council - deserve to have all of the facts in front of them.

It's frustrating that I'm back in Parliament talking about the same issues of a lack of transparency and asking for an explanation as to why a site next door to a school is being considered for contaminated soil.

It beggars belief that the Government haven't released the redacted information to the Bacchus Marsh community. The EPA is supposed to care about our environment."

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