

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** CSIRO

**DEST Question No. E570\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Did CSIRO put out a press release about this study?  
Is there any particular reason why no release was issued?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Latrobe Aquifer Study*

No.

The completion of the report coincided with the caretaker period of a federal election. Advice provided by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was that CSIRO could release the report during the caretaker period given the natural timing of its completion. Consistent with convention in dealing with a matter of political interest in a caretaker period, CSIRO submitted the report to the stakeholder working group, ensured that both Coalition and Opposition interests were invited to be present, and directed media to the stakeholder group for comment.