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SARDI advice should be made public

The Rann Labor Government must release the South Australian Research and Development Institute's (SARDI) advice on the proposed Point Lowly desalination plant, in the interests of transparency, according to Spencer Gulf-based Liberal Members of Parliament.

The concerns of the fishing industry and other responsible Spencer Gulf users were raised in a scientific review of BHP's Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement back in July.

The Government has received advice from SARDI but has failed to release it into the public domain in the intervening period.

"Why hasn't the Government released the information so all interested parties can read and digest SARDI's findings?" Mr Treloar said.

"It's my understanding that SARDI has looked into any possible impacts on the ecology of the Spencer Gulf, so it's important that that scientific information is readily available," Mr Griffiths said.

"The environmental issues are important to the fishing industry and BHP alike, but the Government has chosen to sit on SARDI's advice at a critical time when all the information should be made available," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

Premier-in-waiting Jay Weatherill has been sidelined from negotiations with BHP, so he won't be releasing the SARDI advice.

So it's up to lame duck Premier Mike Rann to release the advice if he can drag himself away from writing his legacy before October 20.

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