

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Business and Innovation:

Sun Cable

- 1. Regarding the \$20 billion Sun Cable solar project near Tennant Creek, environmental approval works for this project have been given to an interstate firm. What action will you take to make sure a similar situation does not occur again?**

Sun Cable's proposed solar project is a private sector project.

Sun Cable has engaged Coffey's Darwin office to assist with its environmental approvals.

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- 2. What 'Buy Local' requirement will there be on this project, when will it apply and how will it be enforced? What penalties, if any, will apply for breaches?**

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