



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 178

## WRITTEN QUESTION

K McNamara to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA:

### **Project Caymus**

1. Did Project Caymus follow the ordinary building certification process?
2. If not, what process was followed?
3. Do defence or foreign defence projects have different building certification processes compared to ordinary developments?
4. Did the Minister receive any advice on the risks of this project?
5. What information was provided to the Northern Territory Government by Crowley Australia Pty Ltd regarding the facility compliance?
6. Was the Department informed that independent reviewers had identified non-conformances in tank design, containment systems, and fire protection systems?
7. If so, when was the Department informed?
8. Was the Government informed that the project building certifier had been terminated by Crowley during active certification review?
9. If so, what reason was provided for this termination?

10. If not, who was responsible for ensuring decision-makers had complete information?
11. Did the Government investigate why the certifier was removed during active compliance review?
12. What steps did the Government take to ensure independent oversight continued after the certifier removal?
13. Does the Department hold any ongoing concerns that this facility is not up to the necessary cyclone standards?
14. Is the Department doing any ongoing investigations of the structural safety of these tanks?
15. Can the Minister guarantee that the tanks are structurally sound and safe for operation in cyclonic conditions?
16. Have any structural modifications been made to the tanks since the potential deficiencies were identified?
17. If so, what modifications were made?
18. If so, who made these modifications?
19. Has the issue of a leak been investigated?
20. If so, are there ongoing concerns about a leak?
21. If there are leaks from these tanks, what has been done to remedy this issue?
22. Have any independent reviews of this leak been completed?

23. If so, what were the findings?
24. Do the tanks pass the needed fire safety tests?
25. Has an independent engineer tested the tanks for their fire safety?
26. What is the current fire detection and suppression capability at the facility?
27. Has the Department received conflicting advice from different technical specialists regarding facility compliance?
28. If so, how were these conflicts resolved and who made the final determination?
29. Are there any repercussions for the US military for their failure to get the necessary permissions for these tanks?
30. What systems are in place to ensure that a similar bypassing of proper process does not occur again?