



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Petition**

Registration No:	39
Title:	Revision of NT Mining Act
Presented on:	10 August 2010
Presented by:	Mr Tollner
Referred to:	PIF&Resources (Vatskalis)
Date referred:	10 August 2010
Response due:	23 November 2010
Response received:	7 October 2010
Response presented:	19 October 2010

**Petition**

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Non  
Conform.

To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly  
of the Northern Territory.

We the undersigned respectfully showeth that whereas the Western  
Australian Mining Act has a section 20A Permit system which provides  
access to prospect on land within exploration licences thus greatly  
boosting tourist and general public fossicking and mineral exploration  
with benefits to inland mining towns and Western Australia.

And whereas the Northern Territory does not have a similar access system  
thus being unable to compete for the interests of the local public and  
tourist fossickers as are catered for in Western Australia.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Northern Territory Mining  
Act be revised and amended to reflect the 20A Permit system of the  
Western Australian Mining Act. The proposed amendment would benefit  
financially N.T. towns such as Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine,  
Pine Creek, Hayes Creek, Douglas River, Grove Hill, Adelaide River,  
Darwin and Timber Creek and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will  
ever pray.

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## Response

I refer to Petition number 39<sup>1</sup> read in the Legislative Assembly on 10 August 2010 and respond accordingly.

Land access and fossicking provisions in the recently passed *Mineral Titles Act* differ from the current *Mining Act* and will provide for similar access to that of the 20A Permit system in Western Australia and are intended to further enhance interest by fossickers and tourists alike to visit the Northern Territory.

However, in cases where the land is subject to an exploration licence and the fossicker is looking for gold, permission of the exploration licence holder will be required.

The finer details for such access will be contained in the Mineral Titles Regulations which are yet to be drafted.