

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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Environmental effects on recreational fishing by expansion of agriculture in Daly River area

1. Will the Government be taking the issues of environmental effects of water requirements of the recreational fishing industry and economic value of recreational fishing to the Territory in the Daly River, before making any further decisions on agricultural expansion in the Daly River area.

ANSWER

The Government is not complacent, or unaware of the possible consequences of over utilisation of natural resources, and to this end, Government will be considering the integrated planning framework to be used for the development of the Daly Basin.

The framework will take into account all aspects of land and water resource capability of the area they relate to, along with bio diversity conservation.

It will include the use of the best available information and scientific data, as well as undertaking full consultation with the public and the stakeholders of the area.

The integrated planning framework will provide direction for a Conservation Strategy, a Water Allocation Plan and a Land Use Plan for the Daly Basin.