

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Anderson to the Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment:

Lands, Planning and the Environment

1. How does the government justify stripping funding to environmental groups such as the Environment Centre NT, Australian Marine Conservation Society and Environmental Defenders Office NT, which play such an important role in holding the government to account in its policy, planning and decision-making? These groups represent the interests of the environment, which Greg of Karama so aptly put to the NT News Facebook site *"I have always been against the environment as we just don't need one. The environment is a waste of time and I am sick of hearing people whine about it. I propose we bulldoze it into the ocean, problem solved."*
 2. How much is the government decreasing its investment in protecting sacred sites? How does it justify this given the amount of subsidies provided to extractive industries which impact on these sites?
 3. How much is the government providing for a 'Red Tape Abolition Squad' to reduce accountability and regulation? Does this include the cost of a special uniform for squad members?
 4. Is the government suggesting that Territorians should put up and shut up about their environmental concerns? Does it suggest that people do not have a right to breathe clean air, to drink clean water, to enjoy our wonderful natural and cultural environment?
 5. How much has the government spent on its Developing the Territory propaganda campaign proposing to give away our most valuable assets, our land, seas and waters?
 6. What about our beautiful natural tourism icons which the NT Government is so quick to mention in its Developing the Territory advertisements? Will visitors continue to come to visit a place plagued by unchecked development, pollution and a landscape dominated by industry?
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