

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

No go zones

1. What is the status of the exploration permits, issued to petroleum companies, that fall within the 'no go zones'?
2. What is the basis of the declaration of the 'no go zones' i.e. what factors determined whether exploration can or cannot proceed in certain parts of the Northern Territory?
3. Will this decision be reviewed and if so when?
4. Is the power to review this declaration in the Act and/or the regulations and if so, who has this authority?
5. Will there be compensation paid to exploration permit holders who are no longer able to do so?