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Dear Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Re: Environment Legislation Amendment (Safe-Air) Bill 2026

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2026 calling for submissions to the inquiry into the Environment Legislation Amendment (Safe-Air) Bill 2026 (the Bill).

The Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) strongly supports the passing of the Bill.

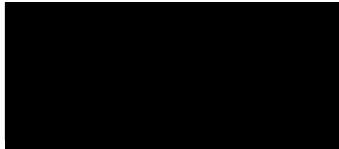
The Bill will establish a power to create regulations and provide for environmental monitoring schemes funded by industry. The NT EPA has worked closely with the NT Government, particularly over the last year, to facilitate improvements to air quality regulation, reporting and transparency. Enabled by this Bill, regulations for an improved air monitoring network, funded by industry and operated by government, will provide the community with confidence that Darwin's air quality is protected and that current industries, and any future development, will not have unacceptable impacts on human health and the environment.

The NT EPA notes that the Bill provides a broad definition of monitoring schemes, which will future proof the legislation to include other schemes if needed.

The Bill also proposes to amend the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998* and *Waste Management and Pollution Control (Administration) Regulations 1998* to increase licence fees for the hydrocarbon industry. The current licence fees in the NT are inadequate to cover the cost of regulating the industry. The NT EPA supports this proposal as it is well overdue.

In addition, the Bill includes Eni Australia's Yelcherr Gas Plant into the annual licence fee regime. This will correct a long-standing anomaly that has excluded Eni until now. The NT EPA supports this amendment.

Yours sincerely



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