

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources:

Mine Management Plans

Would you please advise whether all Mine Management Plans and annual performance reports for all Northern Territory mines are publicly available in line with your election promise to Territorians?

Response:

An Election Commitment of Labor, was to “Increase the transparency of mine management plans and environmental management plans.” (*Healthy Environment, Strong Economy – A Territory Labor Policy Paper*, page 12).

To date, all mine management plans for exploration activities are made publicly available.

In addition the Labor government committed to “improved public participation and disclosure in decision-making including full disclosure of EMPs (environmental management plans) and compliance reports from approval or licence holders”; and that “Mine management plans and annual performance reporting for all Northern Territory mines will be publicly available” (*Healthy Environment, Strong Economy – A Territory Labor Policy Paper*, page 12).

That work is being progressed through the development of a new Environment Protection Act, yet to be presented to the Legislative Assembly.