

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Martin

to Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

Rehabilitation Work by Developers to Damaged Wetlands at Dundee Beach

1. What rehabilitation work has been undertaken by the developers to rehabilitate wetlands damaged at Dundee Beach.

ANSWER

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The developer has extended the drainage system along the earthen side of the wetland to intercept run off from the surrounding subdivision. Drains and associated retention ponds will act as a sediment trap for run off prior to it being safely released into the wetland. The retention ponds have the added advantage of holding freshwater into the dry season providing water for wildfire fighting and construction of roads and buildings.

Drains and access tracks in the area have been upgraded and rehabilitated to a satisfactory standard.

The break in the access track and dam on the western side of the wetland has allowed tidal movement to occur back into the creek over the past 3 years. As a result there has been substantial regrowth of mangroves along the creek line.

Further rehabilitation of the wetlands will occur when the proposed link road and wetland development has been evaluated through appropriate environmental assessment.