



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 315

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA:

Caymus Fuel Storage Tanks

1. What monitoring of the Caymus fuel storage tanks is currently in place, and how would any ongoing leak be detected?
2. Are the tanks currently leaking?
3. Was there any damage to the tanks from Cyclone Fina in November 2025, and did any such damage worsen leakage?
4. Are any works planned to repair or upgrade the tanks?
 - a. If not, why not?
5. On 3 September 2025 the Environment Centre NT provided the Minister and the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) with evidence concerning the integrity of the under-tank liner, including prototype test results from March and April 2024. What assessment of that evidence was undertaken before the tanks were approved for operation on 4 September 2025, and by whom?
6. Why were the tanks exempted from the requirement for occupancy certification when they were approved for operation?
 - a. Under what statutory power was that exemption granted, and can the instrument of exemption be tabled?
7. On 23 September 2025 the acting executive director of the environmental regulator advised the Environment Centre NT in writing that water was still intruding through the release prevention barrier in the under-tank leak detection system, and that the operator was undertaking progressive repair works prior to accepting fuel.
 - a. How is that advice consistent with the certification relied on for the 4 September 2025 approval?

- b. How many of the eleven tanks are currently operational, and how many remain under repair?
 - c. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation has reported that the regulator first became aware of issues with the safety liner in February 2024, following a complaint. What action was taken between February 2024 and the approval of the tanks for operation?
- 8. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported on 10 March 2025 that the tanks were constructed without a building permit required under the Building Act 1993. Was a building permit issued for that construction and, if not, what enforcement action, including any statutory penalty, has been taken or considered, and if none, why not?