

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics; and Essential Services:

More Questions on Coolalinga Central Onsite Water Treatment Plant

- 1. What will happen if the current contractor operating the Onsite Water Treatment Plant (OWTP) withdraws for any reason?**

Power and Water has already invoked its rights under section 62 and 63 of the Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act 2000 to access, operate and maintain the plant to ensure continuity of service to Coolalinga Central.

- 2. Can the residents of Coolalinga Central be assured that if the OWTP fails and the developer is unable to rectify the situation that the NT Government would act immediately?**

Yes, as outlined above.

- 3. Is it more cost effective to quarantine the \$1.8 million bond you are holding versus spending money maintaining and fixing the OWTP?**

No, it is not more cost effective. Power and Water *utilise the \$1.8 million to ensure the system is operational (including any required upgrades) until a longer term solution is developed.*

- 4. There are concerns the OWTP system is close to failure, which will be exacerbated with the coming wet season. Will you direct Power water to step in and avert a major system failure?**

Please refer to the response to question 1 above.