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Committee Secretariat
Legislative Scrutiny Committee
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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Mineral Titles Act Amendment Bill 2026 (Serial 56)

The Minerals Council of Australia – Northern Territory Division (MCA NT) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Mineral Titles Act Amendment Bill 2026.

As the peak industry organisation representing the Northern Territory’s exploration, mining and minerals processing sector, the MCA NT advocates for policies that support a safe, productive and environmentally responsible industry delivering economic and community benefits.

Member companies hold a range of mineral titles across the Territory and will continue to apply for mineral titles into the future.

The Bill introduces reforms aimed at increasing certainty and reducing red tape, including modernised geocentric datum standards, more flexible block sizes and improved alignment of reporting requirements. Group reporting and clearer, more consistent reporting settings will reduce administrative burden and support more efficient exploration activity. These changes support on-ground exploration while maintaining appropriate regulatory oversight.

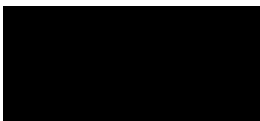
The Bill delivers practical improvements that reflect the realities of the NT operating environment and streamline administrative processes for industry and regulators.

These reforms reflect 15 years of experience operating under the Act, informed by consultation through the 2024 *Mineral Titles Act and Regulations Discussion Paper*, and align with the NT Government’s ambition to rebuild the economy by improving certainty, security and reducing red tape.

With 21 minerals projects in the pipeline representing \$6.37 billion in potential investment and thousands of future jobs, the Northern Territory is well positioned to continue delivering economic and community benefits from responsible resource development. Coordinated policy settings will be critical to translating this opportunity into regional prosperity.

MCA NT supports the Bill and does not recommend further amendments.

Yours sincerely



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