



## Petition

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Presented by	Hon Kezia Purick MLA
Referred to	Minister for Mines and Energy (Hon. David Tollner MLA)
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#### Save Darwin River Ridge

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory;..

- This petition of concerned community members brings to the attention of the Legislative Assembly that the Darwin River Ridge is of great environmental significance; that any form of mining activity there would endanger vulnerable native plant and animal species and
- We, the undersigned, humbly petition you to stop all mining activities immediately and rezone the whole Ridge area as a priority environmental management area.

### Response

I note the concerns of residents of Darwin River Ridge and can confirm that prior to the petition being lodged and in view of the growing number of extractive mineral title applications in this region, my Department of Mines and Energy had been working closely with the adjacent landowner, Power and Water Corporation, to develop a long term plan to manage areas surrounding Manton Dam, Manton Dam Recreation Reserve and Darwin River Dam.

These discussions continue and are well advanced. Once concluded they will provide a way forward that will not only ensure the protection of the Darwin and surrounds main source of drinking water, but also provide a balanced approach to the needs of local residents and other stakeholders.

No further action will be taken in relation to the grant of existing mineral title applications nor will any further applications be accepted until these discussions have been concluded.

I would like to thank the petition organisers and the members of the public who have taken the time to sign it. I am confident of an outcome that will address the needs of all stakeholders.