

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Tennant Creek to Darwin Infrastructure Corridor

- 1. Have there been any changes to the preferred or preliminary corridor alignment route for the Tennant Creek to Darwin Infrastructure Corridor identified or proposed since the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' pre-feasibility study?**

From the pre-feasibility phase, the preliminary corridor alignment will continue to be refined as more information is identified through assessments of demand for infrastructure, consultations with potentially affected stakeholders including landholders and Traditional Owners, and further studies.

- 2. Does the current preferred corridor route follow any part of the existing easement? If so, at which points?**

A key criteria for determining the preliminary corridor route is to co-locate near existing linear infrastructure where possible. Further detailed studies will identify interfaces between the proposed alignment and other existing and proposed infrastructure.

- 3. Please provide a map of the current preferred corridor route.**

An overview map of the current indicative alignment is attached.

- 4. Has the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics commenced consultations with stakeholders (including landholders) regarding the route?**
 - a. If so, how many stakeholders have been consulted, who are they and/or which communities are they from?**
 - b. If not, what stakeholders will be consulted and when will consultations, including with landholders, commence?**

Consultations have commenced to introduce the project and seek early feedback from up to 95 stakeholders comprising of potentially affected landholders, Local Government authorities, Northern Territory Government agencies, peak bodies and industry members. It is expected that additional stakeholders will be consulted as the project progresses.

5. Will the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics or contractors be required to obtain substantial access arrangements for neighboring landholders?

In future phases of the project, temporary access arrangements may be required for investigations such as identifying sacred sites, ecology, soil types and other factors. This process will assist in understanding and managing the potential impacts of the project and to inform the suitability of the potential corridor.

Prior to any temporary access, the project will consult closely with relevant landholders to discuss the proposed investigation activities, confirm any access conditions and understand potential impacts of the route on their property use.

6. How has the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics assessed the risk of unexploded WWII ordnance in the area that the proposed infrastructure corridor is likely to be built upon?

- a. What area/s are understood to contain this ordnance?**
- b. What are the risks associated with unexploded ordnance detonating either during construction or once the pipeline is operational?**
- c. How does the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics determine acceptable risk?**

Assessments to identify the potential presence of and risks from any unexploded ordinances will be part of a range of de-risking activities to manage potential impacts of the project. The project team will consult with Defence, NT Police and NT Worksafe on approaches to assessing and managing any risks.