

Estimates Committee 2013 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Access to Hughes Airfield

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Question: Can I get an explanation as to whether there is public access allowed to the Hughes Airfield which has been declared a heritage place but is surrounded by private land and if so what kind of public access is allowed?

Answer: The airstrip was heritage listed in September 2011. In considering the extent of heritage listing the view of the then heritage advisory council was that as well as the strip itself taxiways and other features around the strip were significant. However, although the strip is on crown land the surrounding land is privately owned and the owner objected to the heritage listing of any of his land therefore the heritage listed strip is isolated from the Stuart Hwy and can not be accessed without crossing private land. It is understood that the owners have agreed that Bushfires NT personnel can access the strip in order for using it for water bombing aircraft in the dry season but that there is no agreement to allow members of the public to cross his land at this time.

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