

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

**Clarification of Answers for 35 Stevens Road Knuckey Lagoon**

The Territory acquired the 2.5 hectare Rural Living (RL) zoned lot at 35 Stevens Road, Knuckey Lagoon on 16 April 2020 for \$1.85 million.

In answers provided to Written Question No. 206 on 8 October 2021, it was stated that DIPL will hold the property for 12 months prior to re-selling the land.

**Questions:**

1. 18 months has passed since the property was acquired on 16 April 2020. When will the property be sold?
  2. Why wasn't the property sold after 12 months as previously stated?
  3. How will the property be sold?
  4. What required works will be undertaken to prepare the property for sale?
  5. When will you address the concerns from neighbours, that an unapproved shed extension sits on the boundary and has a roof that overhangs the boundary?
  6. Are you aware that the previous owner installed drains that send water directly on the neighbouring property? Do you intend to fix this?
  7. You stated that compensation for acquisition of the property was determined through independent valuation of the property on an 'as is' basis. Who removed the front gate when the previous owner vacated the property?
  8. How much did the new front gates cost?
  9. How much has been spent on clearing and landscaping to date?
  10. How much has been spent on building repairs and renovations to date?
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## **Response to Questions 1 to 10:**

On 16 April 2020, the acquisition of 35 Stevens Road, Knuckeys Lagoon was lodged at the Land Titles Office. An Occupation Licence was issued to the former owner of the premises for the purpose of ceasing all activities on the land (Including industrial activities) and to allow the removal of all stockpiles, equipment and other assets from the land. The Occupational Licence expired on 9 December 2020.

Government will hold the property for a minimum of 12 months from the date use of the site by the previous owner ceased, to remove any existing use rights that may exist in relation to the former industrial use of the site.

Crown land is released in accordance with the *Crown Lands Act 1992* and Government's Release of Crown Land Policy. Government's preferred method of releasing Crown Land is via a public competitive process and any details relating to the release of this site will be made openly available to the public to allow information to be equally available to interested purchasers. The scope of any works appropriate to prepare the property for sale, including matters raised by the adjoining land owner, is under consideration.

The front gates were relocated with the former owner of the premises in line with the acquisition negotiations.

Requested expenditure items are:

- replacement of the front gates \$6990 (GST excl);
- clearing and landscaping \$84 680 (GST excl); and
- building repairs and renovations \$3700 (GST excl).