



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 203

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Attorney-General, Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA:

Permits to Take or Interfere with Wildlife – Newcastle Waters Station

1. In the last eighteen months, what permits have been approved to 'Take or Interfere with wildlife' at Newcastle Waters Stations?
2. What is the scope of permitted activities? Please detail:
 - a. Names of species included in permit
 - b. Number of individuals
 - c. Approved methods, including details of avicides, control measures
 - d. Reason for approval of specific methods outlined above
 - e. Reasons that the permit has been requested by the applicant
3. What evidence has been provided by the applicants to substantiate their claims that taking or interfering with wildlife is required?
4. What evidence did the department consider when making the decision?
5. What assessment process was undertaken to ensure this will not impact species other than those listed in the permit?
6. What qualifications do departmental staff need to undertake assessments?
7. Has there been consideration of impacts to any species listed under the *NT Environment Protection Act* or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*?
8. Has Ministerial approval been required for this permit?
9. What communications has the department had with Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water about this permit?
10. Please detail the follow up that has been requested by the department and under what grounds it has been requested.

11. Have there been any other permits to take or interfere with wildlife on properties holding pastoral leases that involves taking or interfering with over 100 individual birds since July 2024? If so, please detail.