



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No:	38
Title:	Mining Act (<i>revised to reflect the Miner's Rights System of the WA Mining Act</i>)
Presented on:	10 August 2010
Presented by:	Mr Tollner
Referred to:	PIF&Resources
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To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

Non Conform.

We the undersigned respectfully showeth that whereas the Western Australian Mining Act has a Miner's Rights system which provides access to prospect on Crown land not being leased by exploration licences thus greatly boosting tourist and general public fossicking and mineral exploration with benefits to inland towns and Western Australia.

And whereas the Northern Territory does not have a similar access system thus being unable to compete for the interests of the local public and tourist fossickers as are catered for in Western Australia.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Northern Territory Mining Act be revised and amended to reflect the Miner's Rights system of the Western Australian Mining Act. The proposed amendment would benefit financially N.T. towns such as Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Pine Creek, Hayes Creek, Douglas River, Grove Hill, Adelaide River, Darwin and Timber Creek and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Response

I refer to Petition number 38 read in the Legislative Assembly on 10 August 2010 and respond accordingly.

Land access and fossicking provisions in the recently passed *Mineral Titles Act* differ from the current *Mining Act* and will provide for similar access to land (including Crown Land) to that of the Miners Right provisions in the Western Australian Act and are intended to further enhance interest by fossickers and tourists alike to visit the Northern Territory.

However, in cases where the land is occupied but not subject to an exploration licence, the fossicker will be required to seek permission to enter.

The finer details for such access will be contained in the Mineral Titles Regulations which are yet to be drafted.