

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources:

**Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority**

Please advise whether you allow public comment on projects referred to the EPA? Has this practice differed since Labor came to power in 2016?

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No. Referral documentation does not undergo public review or comment. There has been no change to the process for considering referral documentation since Labor came to power in 2016. The process is consistent with the Environmental Assessment Administrative Procedures, which were last updated by the CLP Government in 2013.

If the NT EPA decides, based on its consideration of a referral, that a project requires assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, there are a number of stages in the assessment process where the public can comment including:

- draft terms of reference for a Public Environmental Report or Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Public Environmental Report or draft Environmental Impact Statement.