

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

**Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) Environment Protection Bill 2019**

1. Minister, it is my understanding that the RIS for other draft Bills have been provided to stakeholders during the consultation phase. Having access to the RIS has aided and informed industry feedback on prior draft Bills. Will the Environmental Protection Bill follow the precedent established over many years? If not, why not?
2. Minister, when will you release the RIS for the Environment Protection Bill 2019?

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**ANSWER:**

The RIS writing process in the Northern Territory is guided by The Northern Territory Government Regulation-Making Framework prepared by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The RIS prepared to examine the Environment Protection Bill was undertaken in keeping with the Framework.

The purpose of a RIS is to ensure impacts of regulation are appropriately assessed and made fully transparent to Government prior to decisions being made.

Regulatory Impact Statements are not prepared as public documents or for the advice of the public, or as a public justification or explanation for a decision.

In accordance with the position of successive NT Governments, RIS documents are not and have not been publicly released.