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The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for Origin Energy’s exploration activity at the Amungee well site is now available online.

Minister for Primary Industry and Resources Ken Vowles said ensuring the EMP is publicly available keeps faith with Labor’s promise to be an open, accountable and transparent Government.

“An EMP outlines the appropriate environmental management practices that must be followed once an application is approved.

“Previously only the summaries of an EMP were made public.

“The previous Government did not enforce the regulations in force at the time of approving this exploration permit on 23 August, just days prior to the election.”

Territory Labor’s clear policy of a moratorium on fracking came into effect on 14 September.

Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) for exploration or production will not be approved while the moratorium is in place.

“We are now consulting widely with Territorians on the Terms of Reference of a scientific inquiry conducted by an independent expert advisory panel.” Minister Vowles said.

Public comment closes on the draft Terms of Reference this Thursday, 13 October.

The terms of reference are available and public comment can be made at [https://nt.gov.au/frackinginquiry](https://nt.gov.au/frackinginquiry)

The EMP for Origin Energy’s exploration can be accessed at [https://minerals.nt.gov.au](https://minerals.nt.gov.au)

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