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ENVIRONMENT REFORM CONSULTATION PERIOD EXTENDED

Environment Minister Karl Hampton today announced an extension of the consultation period for the review of the Environmental Assessment Act and the harmonisation of environmental activity on and off mining sites.

“These reforms are the next stage of the Henderson Government’s plans to strengthen environmental protection in the Territory and are of vital importance to Territorians.

“The response has been strong; however key representatives from industry and the broader community have requested an extension to the period of consultation on these reforms.

“In the interests of obtaining the best possible consultation outcomes I have extended the consultation period until the end of September.

As part of the extended period, Sinclair Knight Merz will hold public consultations in Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Jabiru on the Government’s behalf beginning on 13 September through to 20 September.

Sinclair Knight Merz will also be conducting face to face consultation with key stakeholders.

“These reforms will modernise the laws and processes that protect the Territory environment.

“The extended consultation period will give Territorians extra time to have their say about legislation absolutely crucial to the future protection of our environment and I urge all interested parties to register their interest.”

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