Public Environment Report Required for Proposed Abattoir

Environment Minister Karl Hampton today announced a proposed abattoir at Livingstone will be environmentally assessed at the level of a Public Environmental Report (PER).

Mr Hampton said environment assessment is an important process that ensures potential environmental impacts are identified and that safeguards are developed to ensure impacts can be managed within sustainable limits.

“I invite the public to comment on the draft guidelines that are now available at www.nt.gov.au/envirocomment,” Mr Hampton said.

“The public has until 23 December 2011 to comment on the draft guidelines which will scope the issues that the proponent will need to address in its PER.

“An important issue identified in the draft guidelines is water management, consistent with community concerns around this project.

“Once the guidelines are finalised the proponent will need to prepare its PER.

“Further community consultation will occur on the PER once it’s submitted by the proponent.”

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