Mines and Energy Minister, Kon Vatskalis, said today that a report into the contamination of the potable water supply at the Ranger uranium mine at Jabiru has been referred to the Department of Justice.

Mr Vatskalis said the Department of Justice will now assess the report before advising on any appropriate action to be pursued.

“This was a matter that caused justifiable alarm among employees, traditional owners and local residents, and it is a situation the Territory Government regards very seriously,” he said.

“A lengthy and comprehensive investigation into the incident has been carried out by officers from the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development's Minerals and Energy Group, in liaison with the Commonwealth Office of the Supervising Scientist.

“The report identifies the time and manner in which process water contaminated the potable water system on the evening of 23 March and the morning of 24 March at Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) Ranger Mine.”

The Department of Justice will now consider the report and other matters related to the activities at Ranger and determine appropriate action to be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of relevant legislation.