GOVERNMENT GO-AHEAD FOR NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Territory Government has approved the construction of a new $28 million water treatment plant by Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) at its Ranger uranium mine in Jabiru.

Mines and Energy Minister, Kon Vatskalis, said the new plant will treat pond and process water used at the Ranger operation.

“Ultimately, this will reduce the amount of water retained on site, which will be good for the environment,” he said.

“Stringent monitoring by both Territory and Federal authorities will continue at the mine.”

Mr Vatskalis said the project will begin in a couple of months, and should be completed by the end of the year.

“Up to 75 jobs will be created during construction, meaning new jobs for Territorians and new business opportunities for local contractors.”

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