$5M FOR MOUNT TODD CLEAN-UP

The Territory Government will spend up to $5 million to minimise environmental impacts from the Mount Todd mine site.

Containment works will be carried out this year to control acid rock drainage, which threatens to have a detrimental effect on the Edith River, which flows to the Daly River catchment.

Minister for Mines and Energy Kon Vatskalis said the long-term rehabilitation of Mount Todd is a Government priority.

“This is the first major step towards rehabilitation of the site. We are committed to addressing this problem to ensure the mining legacy of Mount Todd does not create problems for future generations of Territorians.

“The containment works will reduce the flow of heavy metals in acid rock drainage from the site into the Edith River and will deal with some of the urgent issues that make Mount Todd a threat to the environment,” he said.

A comprehensive rehabilitation plan will be developed over the next three years in consultation with the community, through the Mt Todd Mine Site Rehabilitation Reference Group.

“Since the closure of the Mount Todd mine in 2000, the Territory Government has been left to manage the site. The $900,000 security bond set by the previous CLP Government was grossly inadequate and has now been fully expended.

“Mt Todd is a mess that was inherited by us from a negligent government and it is unfortunate that Territory taxpayers have been left to foot such a huge bill.

“This Government is determined to clean it up and ensure that appropriate environmental safeguards are maintained,” said Mr Vatskalis.

**Works to be completed this year include:**
- Re-establishment of moat and dam walls around the heap leach stockpile
- Renewal of water pumping systems for the containment of waste water
- New water monitoring equipment for the site and Edith River
- Upgrade of site security

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