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Thousands of Jobs Under Threat on McArthur River Decision

The decision by the NT Government to put over 2000 Territory jobs at risk by not supporting the proposed expansion of the McArthur River mine has been described as an “economic disaster”, by the Shadow Minister for mines Fay Miller today.

The impact of the decision should it not be overturned by Government will be profound, at stake are:

- 270 direct jobs
- 1,430 indirect jobs
- 570 indirect jobs (construction phase)
- $329 million dollars per annum income to the Territory
- $523 million dollars per annum income to the Nation
- Training and employment to local people, particularly Aboriginal People.

“This is a monumentally staggering decision. Local people will be devastated and this is an unmitigated disaster for the mining industry in the Territory.

“The impact of this decision will mean that local Aboriginal people will miss out on the work that they so badly need.

“The science that has supported the Minister’s recommendation has been at odds with numerous other organisations.

“Needless to say the phone has been running hot since this decision was announced and I will be doing everything in my power to make the Mines Minister Kon Vatskalis see sense.

“There is still a chance to make this mine go ahead and I will do whatever it takes to make certain that this decision is reversed.”

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