Minister for Mines and Energy Chris Natt has confirmed that the Territory Government is receiving detailed legal advice on the Supreme Court’s findings.

“The Solicitor-General for the Northern Territory, Mr Tom Pauling QC, has advised me that this decision is based on a technical issue surrounding the initial application form lodged for the McArthur River mine site in 2002.

“The decision found that the original Authorisation granted can only authorise mining activities specified in the original mining application, that being underground mining.

“The Solicitor-General’s advice includes that the court made no finding on the extensive environmental assessment process or consultation with traditional owners or the general community.”

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