

CLERK

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS
PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION

ORIGINAL PAPER

No. 1489.....
Laid upon the Table

19/8/99

(WHEN PETITION RESPONSES ARE CALLED FOR BY MR SPEAKER).

CLERK

MR SPEAKER PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 100A I
CONFIRM THAT A RESPONSE TO PETITION NO. 19 HAS BEEN
RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED TO HONOURABLE MEMBERS.

THE TEXT OF THE RESPONSE WILL BE INCLUDED IN
HANSARD RECORD.

(AN ATTENDANT WILL COLLECT THE PETITION RESPONSE.)




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MINISTER FOR PARKS AND WILDLIFE

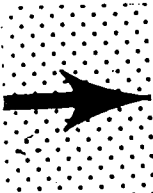
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Dear ~~Mr~~ McNeill

I refer to Petition No. 19 forwarded to me by the Acting Clerk on 12 May 1999. As required by Standing Order 100A, I attach my response to the petition, in which petitioners requested that:-

 No exploration or mining be permitted on Howard Springs Hunting Reserve;

The area be retained as natural bush for conservation purposes; and

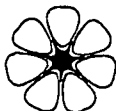
The area be extended to include other areas of Howard River catchment and surrounding wetlands and mangrove communities.

My response is attached.

Yours sincerely


MIKE REED

15/8/99



Northern Territory Government

RESPONSE TO PETITION No. 19 - TABLED 27 APRIL 1999

MINERAL CLAIMS MADE OVER THE
HOWARD SPRINGS HUNTING RESERVE

On 11 June 1999 Mr Hugh Bradley, Chief Magistrate, sitting as the Mining Warden, recommended to the Minister for Resource Development, the Hon Daryl Manzie MLA, that eight Mineral Claim applications by Darwin Dolomite Pty Ltd within the Howard Springs Hunting Reserve not be granted.

Consequently, in accordance with these recommendations, the Minister has determined not to grant these Mineral Claims within the Hunting Reserve.

As a result, the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory and the Department of Mines and Energy are to liaise with a view to maintaining conservation interests by determining which Darwin and Darwin Regional Parks may need to have reservations from mining placed on them.



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