

Senate Environment and Communications References Committee
WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENDERS OFFICE

Senator Thorpe asks:

1. What have been the biggest blockers to implementing the recommendations from the Pepper Inquiry?

Answer: Thank you for sending these questions. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to answer them, and I think they would be better directed to the relevant Departments in relation to question one and, perhaps to the Environment Centre NT for question two.

2. The Government is not only covering 25% of drilling each well, but they are also paying for other things proponents usually have to pay for like the Northern Land Council and paying for the costs of the Strategic Regional Environmental Baseline Assessments (SREBA). Do you have any insights as to why public money is picking up the tab?

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