

## Answers to Questions on Notice

Please see below the responses from NT EPA to the following verbal questions that were taken on notice at the public hearing.

Questioner	QoN	Response
Chair	Which clients Dr Vogel has worked with for Purple	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cockburn Cement</li> <li>2. Preston Consulting</li> <li>3. K + S Ashburton Salt</li> <li>4. Norseman Gold</li> <li>5. Valperlon Group</li> <li>6. Australian Potash</li> <li>7. Iluka</li> <li>8. VRX Minerals</li> <li>9. FBI CRC</li> <li>10. GM Property Group</li> <li>11. Perth Airport</li> <li>12. MZI Minerals</li> <li>13. Tallis Lithium</li> <li>14. Hastings Technology Metals</li> <li>15. Contract Resources</li> <li>16. Tian An - Pt Grey</li> <li>17. Kidman Resources</li> <li>18. CITIC – Sino Iron</li> <li>19. Australian Silica</li> <li>20. Pitcher Partners – Pluton Resources</li> <li>21. Sheffield Resources</li> <li>22. Bunbury Energy</li> </ol>
David Pocock	What level of benzene, BTEX or formaldehyde does the EPA think is acceptable for human health	<p>The <u>National Environment Protection (Air Toxics) Measure</u> provides human health monitoring investigation levels for BTEX and formaldehyde (Table 2).</p> <p>Where levels above these thresholds are detected further investigation is recommended. Further information is available on the NEPM (Air Toxics) <u>website</u>.</p>
Chair	When did you determine that there would be no further assessment beyond accepting Tamboran's environment management plan? When was the time frame of that decision made?	<p>The Tamboran EMP was submitted to the Department under regulation 6 of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations on 1 December 2023. It was published for public comment for a month commencing on 12 December 2023.</p> <p>The Minister of Environment, who is responsible for administering the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations, has requested the NT EPA review every EMP to provide advice to her on whether or not the approval criteria of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations have been met.</p> <p>This advice is separate and apart from the assessment that is undertaken by the</p>

		<p>Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security. The NT EPA provided advice to Minister Worden on the Tamboran EMP on 10 May 2024. This advice is public as per link: <a href="#">ntepa-advice.PDF</a></p> <p>At the time the NT EPA assessed the EMP under the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations the NT EPA also formed the view that the EMP did not need to be referred to the NT EPA under the <i>Environment Protection Act</i> for an environmental impact assessment. This decision is public as per link: <a href="#">ntepa-advice.PDF</a>.</p> <p>In summary, the EMP was assessed by the Department and the NT EPA under the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations. It was <u>not</u> assessed under the <i>Environment Protection Act</i>.</p>
Chair	Communication between Dr Vogel and Minister Worden's office to be tabled.	The NT EPA's advice to the Minister is public as per link: <a href="#">ntepa-advice.PDF</a> .
David Pocock	Information regarding the EPA's ambient measuring of benzene.	<p>The EPA does not measure benzene at its air quality monitoring stations (AQMS). Benzene is measured quarterly by Inpex at the Stokes Hill AQMS on a voluntary basis when the AGRU are offline. Results are provided to the NT EPA. The EPA does not publish the data provided by Inpex on its website. Questions regarding the publication of these results should be directed to Inpex.</p> <p>All other information about the Territory's air quality monitoring regime is available on the NT EPA's <a href="#">website</a> [<a href="https://nt.gov.au/environment/environment-data-maps/air-quality-monitoring">https://nt.gov.au/environment/environment-data-maps/air-quality-monitoring</a>] and also in a <a href="#">regulatory statement</a> recently published by the Department.</p>