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**Environment and Resource  
Management**

Senator Trish Crossin  
Chair  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
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Dear Senator Crossin

I refer to your letter to the Honourable Stephen Robertson MP dated 1 April 2010. The Minister has referred your letter to me for direct reply and tabling of this information at the second hearing of the committee.

I refer to the Inquiry into the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 and the Committee's request for information regarding development applications lodged, accepted and rejected under the *Wild Rivers Act 2005*.

Enclosed is a summary of the applications received and the decisions made.

The information is based on general data available to the department. The department has taken all measures necessary to ensure the accuracy of this data. However, it should be noted that the department is not the assessment agency for all applications and therefore the accuracy is dependant on information provided to the department by other entities. This information shows that there are no examples known of an application being refused under the provisions of the Wild Rivers Act in a wild river area.

Yours sincerely

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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

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## Summary information on development approvals in wild river areas to April 2010

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Location	Organisation responsible for assessing the application		Nature of the application	No. of applications	Any refusals Y/N	Outcome	Notes
Cape York / Gulf	State Government	DERM	Environmental Authorities - mining	63	N - see notes	46 granted	Of the 63 applications, 46 were granted, 15 are no longer current and 2 have decisions pending.
			Environmentally Relevant Activities	3	N	All approved	
			Riverine protection permits	23	N	All approved	
			Vegetation management**	5	N	4 approved, 1 decision pending	
		DEEDI	Mining Tenements	78	N	37 granted#, decisions pending on the rest	# this includes grants which have occurred post declaration but for which applications may have been made prior
			Aquaculture/Fisheries approvals	NIL	N/A	N/A	
			Animal Husbandry, Agriculture	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire	Local Government	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Aurukun Shire		Aurukun Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire		Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Burke Shire		Burke Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Carpentaria Shire		Carpentaria Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Mt Isa City Council		Mt Isa City Council	Unavailable	Unavailable	N/A	N/A	
Etheridge Shire		Etheridge Shire Council	N/A	NIL	N/A	N/A	
Cook Shire		Cook Shire Council	Material Change of Use	1	N	Decision pending	

\*\* In relation to Vegetation Management development applications, only those within the High Preservation Area of a wild river area were taken into consideration. Outside of a High Preservation Area, the Wild Rivers Act has no effect on vegetation management.