

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio**

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Outcome: Outcome 1
Programme: Environment Standards Division (ESD)
Topic: Yabulu Nickel Refinery
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Question Type: Written

Senator Waters asked:

1. In relation to the Yabulu Nickel refinery – are you worried that the site will be left un-rehabilitated?
2. Do you view that as a risk to MNES?
3. Have you met with the Qld State govt or the company about the rehabilitation plan?
4. Do you have any reason to lack confidence in the Qld regulatory regime in relation to clean ups?

Answer:

1. The broader regulation of the resources sector, including mine site rehabilitation is the responsibility of state and territory governments.
The Queensland Government has jurisdiction on the mine.
2. Compliance officers from the Department conducted a monitoring inspection under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* on 5 February 2016. The company was found to be compliant with its obligations under the Act.
3. No.
4. No.