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Senator Urquhart asked:

Has any compensation money for damage been paid by the former mine operators or the NT Government to Traditional Owners of the mine site and affected land and waterways?

Answer:

The regulation of the resource sector under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is confined to those actions which have the potential to significantly impact on matters of national environmental significance.

The Department does not currently regulate any activities at the Redbank Mine Site. A proposed expansion of the mine has been approved under the Act, however, this action has not commenced.

The Northern Territory Government has jurisdiction over the mine.