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Senator Urquhart asked:

Have any discussions on damages liability been held between the former operators or the NT Government with the Queensland Government relating to downstream impacts of Redbank Mine which cross the Territory/QLD border?

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.