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Senator Waters asked:

In relation to the McArthur River Mine - <http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/fish-fears-with-river-tested-for-pollution-near-mine/story-fnk0b1zt-1227054387123>

It has been reported in the media that the Department is investigating potential impacts on the McArthur River from the mining developments nearby – are you able to provide an update on the progress and status of these investigations?

Answer:

The Department is investigating McArthur River Mine's compliance with approval EPBC 2003/954.

As part of this investigation officers from the Department's Compliance and Enforcement Branch have inspected the mine on two occasions.

As this is an ongoing investigation the Department is unable to provide any further information at this time, as it may prejudice the outcome of the investigation.