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Subject: Letter from Minister for Mines and Energy
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I was requested by Independent Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood, to pass this letter from Dave Tollner, Minister for Mines and Energy to Dr Pepper, organiser of the public meeting to discuss Hydraulic Fracturing at Humpty Doo Village Green on Thursday March 9th 2007.

Subsequently Dr Pepper asked that I follow up after the meeting by sending the letter to her electronically.

regards
Christine

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 8 August 2016 9:40 AM
To: Gerry Wood
Cc: Electorate Nelson
Subject: Letter from Minister for Mines and Energy

Dear Mr Wood,

Please find attached a letter from the Minister for Mines and Energy, in relation to the petroleum exploration permit application (EPA) 224 perceived to be situated over the Howard East Borefield.

Kind regards,

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Ministerial Assistant | Hon David Tollner MLA

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Dear Mr Wood

Gerry

Thank you for your email dated 15 July 2016, regarding petroleum exploration permit application (EPA) 224 perceived to be situated over the Howard East Borefield.

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) understands there are community concerns about the emerging oil and gas industry in the Northern Territory and is committed to working with Territorians to develop best-practice petroleum regulatory framework that is in line with community expectations.

I am pleased to confirm that the NTG declared a Reservation of Blocks (RB56) under the *Petroleum Act* over the Greater Darwin area on 3 October 2013, which included the Howard East Borefield. Exploration for and or production of petroleum are prohibited within the vicinity of the RB boundary and subsequently those areas were excised from EPA 224.

In the last 12 months, the NTG implemented the Petroleum Inclusion Zone Policy to ensure environmental safety and cultural ecological sensitivities are addressed. This means that any future exploration will not be allowed in the following areas:

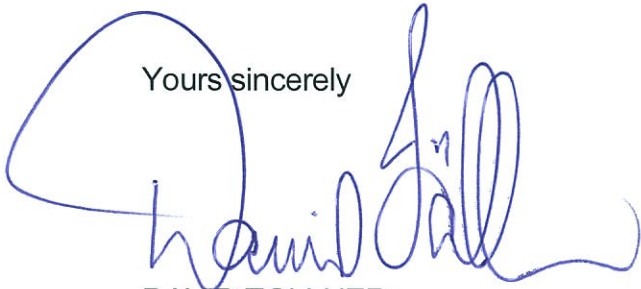
- Urban residential and rural residential areas
- Areas of cultural significance
- Areas of intensive agriculture
- Areas of high ecological value
- Areas which include assets of strategic importance to nearby residential areas

The Department of Mines and Energy continues to assess all existing applications including EP(A) 224, against the new criteria.

The assessment process will take some time as there is a number of matters to consider. In the case of EP(A)224 a new company has taken over the management of the asset and need to be consulted before any final decision is made.

I trust this answers your questions and I thank you for allowing me to address your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Tollner', with a large, stylized initial 'D' on the left.

DAVID TOLLNER

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