

Singleton Horticulture Project

Comment on FortuneAgri's Referral to EPA

XXXX is an award-winning family-owned and operated Indigenous Business Enterprise. We have been providing trade services throughout the Northern Territory for more than 35 years. Over the years, we have grown into a company offering a wide range of services across various industries with office locations in Tennant Creek and Darwin.

The Barkly region has been facing social and economic challenges due to lack of investment and industrial growth. There are a limited number of large-scale project opportunities for businesses such as ours to pursue in our region, with many of these larger development proposals having uncertain timeframes.

From the referral submission to NT EPA, we are pleased to learn that Fortune Agribusiness is planning to invest more than \$250 million to develop Singleton Farm. When fully developed, more than \$90 million of Singleton Farm's operational expenditure will be spent each year on wages, services, and supplies.

We understand that actions will be taken by Fortune Agribusiness to ensure that potential risks created by the Singleton Farm are manageable. We appreciate the commitments made by Fortune Agribusiness that the biodiversity of the region will be maintained, no species will be threatened, water extraction will be well within the aquifer's sustainable yield and sacred sites will not be harmed.

We attended the NT Chamber of Commerce event in Tennant Creek on January 30th, 2023, in which Fortune Agribusiness presented to local businesses on opportunities from the Singleton Farm. We are pleased to learn that Fortune Agribusiness's procurement preference is local Barkly region first, Territory second, elsewhere third.

We would like to express our strong support of the Singleton Horticulture Project.