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Via email: eia.consult@nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Fitzpatrick

Re: Invite to comment on NTP 7061 Mathison Station - native vegetation clearing (4517 ha)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the referred application by Pancho Beef to clear 4517 ha of native vegetation for the purposes of growing hay and fodder crops.

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade has reviewed the referral documents and comments are provided at Attachment A.

If you require any further information please contact Brett Easton, Director Resource Policy and Reform at StrategyPolicyCoordination.DITT@nt.gov.au or on 8999 5190.

Yours sincerely



BRETT EASTON
Director, Resource Policy and Reform

Submission on the referral

Pancho Beef - NTP 7061 Mathison Station – native vegetation clearing (4517 ha)

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020.

Government authority: Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT)

Summary:

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade has reviewed the referred project and provides the following information:

The proposed land clearing at Mathison Station does not impact any mineral titles.

The following petroleum titles are located over the project area (NT Portion 7061):

Title	Title Holder/s	Contact Details
EP220 (Application)	Arafura Oil Pty Ltd (100%)	Russell Phillips Chief Executive Officer rphillips@macmines.com
EP167 (Granted)	Imperial Oil & Gas A Pty Limited (100%)	Alex Underwood Managing Director aunderwood@empiregp.net
GEP33246 (Application)	Allasso Energy Pty Ltd (100%)	Danielle Alchin Tenement Manager - AMETS danielle@amets.com.au

Please be advised GRO5 is also located within the proposed area, a geothermal reserve prevents the exploration or production of geothermal energy within the area. No pipeline interests effect the project area.

The proposal for land clearing of Mathison Station is broadly supported by the Agriculture Division (DITT) as it is in line with the economic objectives of Northern Territory Government.

The identified improved pasture species for the purposes of growing hay and fodder crops are suited to the climatic conditions and soil types of the area.

The identified clearing area is relatively small compared to the size of the property and will greatly add to the self-sufficiency of fodder and reduce the introduction of biosecurity risks including weeds to Mathison Station.