

# Ranger 3 Deeps Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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In this Draft EIS, ERA must provide to the Minister and the NT EPA information in relation to the Project, as set out in the Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement provided by the NT EPA and the Australian Government Department of the Environment to ERA in August 2013 (**Guidelines**). The information is provided for the purpose of assisting the Minister and the NT EPA to assess the possible environmental impacts of the Project (**Purpose**).

The information in this Draft EIS has been included having regard solely to the Purpose and the requirements of the Guidelines.

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The Draft EIS has been prepared to comply with the EIS guidelines set out by the regulatory bodies and to explain the potential impacts and benefits of developing the Ranger 3 Deeps underground mine (the Project). It is proposed to construct and operate an underground mine, and associated supporting surface infrastructure, to extract uranium ore from the Ranger 3 Deeps orebody. The ore will be transported to surface via the existing exploration decline and processed through the existing Ranger mine processing plant.

The proposal is being assessed at the level of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the Australian Government, under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the Northern Territory (NT) Government under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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- Mines and Energy Information Centre, Department of Mines and Energy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Paspalis Centrepoint, 48 Smith Street Mall
- Department of the Environment (Darwin Office), corner Pederson Road and Fenton Court, Darwin International Airport
- NT Library, Parliament House
- The Environment Centre NT, Unit 3, 98 Woods Street
- Northern Land Council Head Office, 45 Mitchell Street

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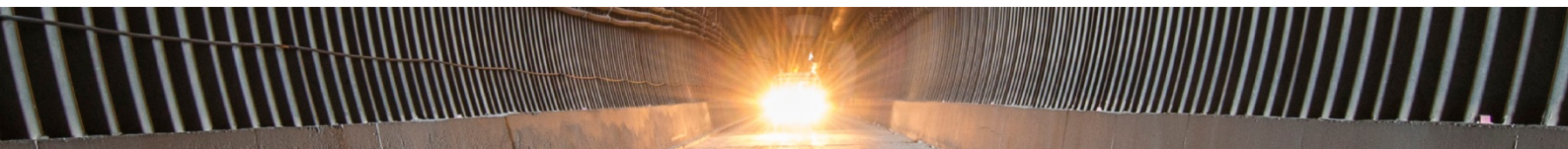
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