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Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio**

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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

What is the departments view of the impacts of the proposed re opening of 4Wd tracks in the Tarkine (subject of current supreme court action). Has this been assessed?

Answer:

The proposed opening of the tracks has not been referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and has not been assessed.

The Department does not know the detail of what may be proposed and cannot, in anticipation of the assessment process, form a view about any potential impacts.