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Senator: Senator Nova Peris OAM
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Question:

1. Does the Tiwi Land Council expect to receive environmental reports or updates from the developer and operator of the new facilities?
2. Will the Tiwi Land Council insist on a reasonable regime of environmental monitoring of this project and the operation of the new facilities going forward?

Answer:

1. Yes. The TLC Environmental Manager is in constant communication with the AusGroup Project Manager. Tiwi Land Council has received and would expect to continue to receive environmental reports or updates from the sublessee, developer and operator of the new port facility directly, and from the lessee Port Melville Pty Ltd.
2. TLC would expect that the investigation by Minister Hunt's Department and the finalisation of the OEMP by the NTEPA would require a substantive regime of environmental monitoring. The Port Lessee, Port Melville Pty Ltd, should receive advice from the sublessee, EOLHT, on any breaches of the sublease and any significant incidents going forward.