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## Waste Discharge Licence Renewal Approved

A new Waste Discharge Licence is now in place for McArthur River Mining (MRM), setting out the parameters for any release of water from the mine site or Bing Bong Loading Facility.

A Waste Discharge Licence is required under the Water Act wherever there is the potential for waste to come into contact with water, such as when water is discharged from a mine site. It is issued by the Northern Territory Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Like other mines, MRM complies with this legislation, with a new Waste Discharge Licence issued periodically. The new licence is in force for two years until 28 April 2021.

The licence sets out the water quality parameters that must be complied with in the McArthur River downstream of the mine and includes values for metals, salts and nutrients.

The NT Environmental Protection Authority's assessment report on the 2018 MRM Environmental Impact Statement found that the McArthur River is healthy, water quality is good and fish are safe to eat.

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### McArthur River Mining

McArthur River Mining (MRM) is located in the Northern Territory approximately 970 kilometres south-east from Darwin and 60 kilometres south-west of its closest town of Borroloola. MRM mines one of the world's largest zinc and lead deposits. Established as an underground operation in 1995, MRM converted to open pit mining in 2006. MRM produces zinc and lead in concentrates which are primarily exported through Bing Bong loading facility on the southern coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The current mine life extends to 2036.

The mine provides direct employment to about 1,000 people, including contractors. In 2018, we spent \$84.7 million on wages, \$59.4 million on capital projects, \$321.4 million on goods and services – much of which we sourced locally – and \$1.8 million on community investment projects.



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