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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Tuesday, 18th March 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

In relation to Pluton Resource Ltd activities on Irvine Island and Flora Island and P 04/267 I ask:

1. Is the Minister or his department aware that the Mayala Native Title Group have opposed the application for Licence P04/267?
2. If no to (1.) why not?
3. If yes to (1.) what action is the department taking to ensure that the concerns of the Mayala Native Title Group are taken into account?
4. Has the department of mines received any correspondence in this matter from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs?
5. If yes to (4.) will the Minister table that correspondence?
6. If no to (5.) why not?
7. Is the Minister aware of any drilling programs proposed for the Cultural Heritage Protected area on Irvine Island?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. Yes
2. Not applicable
3. The matter is currently with the National Native Title Tribunal under the section 29 expedited process of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.
4. No
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable



7. No. However, I am aware that the Department of Mines and Petroleum has received two proposals, both of which have been withdrawn by the applicant.