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### COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN

#### **Gove Refinery – Notice for East Arnhem NTPS Employees**

You are no doubt aware that today Rio Tinto announced its decision that the Gove alumina refinery will continue operating as planning, approvals and delivery of the gas to Gove project progresses. This follows the Northern Territory Government's decision to release gas to support the ongoing operation of the refinery.

It is recognised that it has been a period of uncertainty for Northern Territory public sector employees in the East Arnhem region, and I congratulate you for continuing to provide quality services to the community during this period. The decision by Rio Tinto to continue to operate means that you can continue to do that with more certainty about your employment.

I will closely monitor public employment aspects of this project over the next few months and keep you advised of any issues that may affect your employment as they may arise.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ken Simpson'.

KEN SIMPSON

13 February 2013