

# DARWIN HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES – MEETING 3

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 26 October 2017	<b>Location:</b>	Charles Darwin Centre, Level 14 Conference Room, 19 The Mall, Darwin
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am – 1:00pm		
<b>Chair:</b>	Professor Karen Gibb (KG), Charles Darwin University	<b>Secretariat:</b>	Carmony Leso (CL), Executive Officer – Committees (DENR)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Alan Roe (AR) Annie Andrews (AA) Dr Claire Streten (CS) Daniel Thompson (DT) - <i>Phone</i> David Ciaravolo (DC) Dr Graeme Suckling (GS) Maria Kraatz (MK) Mark Robertson (MR) Nick Hanigan (NH) Shar Molloy (SM) Shenagh Gamble (SG) Sue McKinnon (SMc) Terry O'Connor (TO) Trish Rigby (TR)		Territory Natural Resource Management Power and Water Corporation Australian Institute for Marine Science ConocoPhillips Amateur Fishermen's Association NT Urban Development Institute of Australia NT Private Consultant INPEX Paspaley Pearls Environment Centre NT City of Darwin Landcare NT Darwin Port Northern Land Council
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jim Smith (JS) Nigel Browne (NB)		Sea Darwin Larrakia Development Corporation
<b>Department Liaison:</b>	Kristen McAllister (KM)		DENR, Water Resources Division
<b>Guests:</b>	Paul Purdon (PP)		DENR, Environment Division

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Action Required (e.g. information / discussion / decision)
	<b>Meeting open</b>	The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 9:00am.
1.	<b>Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</b>	Chairperson, KG, opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the third meeting. Apologies from JS and NB.
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of previous meeting on 17 August 2017 were circulated to committee members prior to the meeting for comments / edits. The minutes were accepted by the Committee with no amendments.
3.	<b>Declaration of any conflicts of interest</b>	MR declared that he did the INPEX dredging application that will be discussed later on in the meeting.

4.	<b>Action from previous meeting (meeting 2 – 17 August 2017)</b>				
	No.	Action	Action Officer	Timeframe	Status / Update
	4.1	Start ranking the presenters list in order of preference – and add new	All members		<b>Ongoing</b>
	4.2	Look into an intranet site for the Committee to use for working on documents.	Secretariat and KM		<b>In progress</b> CL will seek approval for a trial run of the Huddle Workspace
	4.3	Review the 2010 DHAC Strategy to assist with determining goals and objectives for the Committee	All members – <i>facilitated by KG and KM</i>	Prior to next meeting	<b>In progress</b>
	4.4	Invite Ian Poinar, Co-Chair of the Northern Territory Marine and Coastal Science End-user Knowledge Needs Analysis (NTMCS UNA), to present at the next DHAC meeting on what was identified in the study.	Chair – <i>facilitated by Secretariat</i>	2018	<b>Pending</b> Push back to mid-2018
4.5	Invite Jane Thomas, Science Communicator and formerly with the Integration and Application Network (report cards Chesapeake Bay), to present at the next DHAC meeting about her experience with the Integration and Application Network (IAN).	Chair – <i>facilitated by Secretariat</i>	Prior to the next meeting	<b>Pending</b> Invite to February meeting (once meeting date has been determined)	
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>5.1 Presenters List</b></p> <p>The presenters list was circulated to Committee members for ranking in preference of who they would like to present and when.</p> <p><i>Committee comments: AR recommended having a representative from the City of Darwin present to the Committee regarding the foreshore infrastructure development and climate change adaptation. SG recommended having Nick Klein (Project Manager) present on behalf of City of Darwin.</i></p> <p><i>AR also recommended having a presentation from the NTEPA about the NTEPA and environmental assessments. KG suggested raising this with PP when he presents to the Committee. KM noted that Lisa Bradley is the Director of Environmental Assessment and Karen Avery is in charge of Environment Policy and Support, DENR if the Committee would like presentations from either of them.</i></p> <p><i>SM recommended a presentation from Sea Farms in relation to their possible development Sea Dragon in the Gunn Point area.</i></p>			

		<p><i>SMc recommended having a presentation from the Crown Land Office, DPIL in relation to land tenure and their responsibility around their ownership of the land around the harbour.</i></p> <p><i>TO advised that he would be willing to present to the Committee about applications and proposed developments from the Darwin Port Corporation.</i></p> <p><i>MR questioned whether or not it would be useful to have a presentation on the NT Approvals Process so that the Committee can gain a better understanding of how developments are assessed in order to be able to provide comment and input on projects. MK noted that there is a Major Projects group that could present to the Committee.</i></p> <p><i>SG noted that it would also be helpful to understand the reporting of incidents and events (e.g. PFAS) and how they are dealt with by each individual agency.</i></p> <p><i>KG suggested having an out of session meeting / workshop featuring a presentation on the approvals process, followed by a select case study presentation from Darwin Port, Paspaley and INPEX. KG suggested the workshop be held early next year and run for a half to a full day. KM recommended having a full day Workshop with half the day dedicated to presentations and the other half of the day dedicated to workshopping / discussion by the Committee.</i></p> <p><i>The Committee agreed to hold a Workshop in March. The Committee agreed to invite the following individuals to present:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Environment Division (DENR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Karen Avery (ED Environment Policy and Support) - to discuss Environmental Reform</i></li> <li>○ <i>Lisa Bradley (Director, Environmental Assessment) - to present on Environmental Assessments</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Anne Tan (General Manager) - Major Projects (DTBI) - to discuss strategic infrastructure and projects</i></li> <li>• <i>Leah Clifford (General Manager) - Lands and Planning (DIPL) - to discuss the Planning Act Reform</i></li> <li>• <i>Case studies from selected industry representatives</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Terry O'Connor (CEO) - Darwin Port Corporation</i></li> <li>○ <i>Nick Hannigan (Development Manager) - Paspaley</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mark Robertson (Government Approvals Manager) - INPEX</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>SM suggested drafting an email to Karen Avery to provide an update on the environmental reform agenda. KG proposed that KM liaise with Karen Avery to discuss the information that would be relevant for the proposed Workshop.</i></p> <p><i>SM requested that the planning and strategy presentations at the workshop include intentions around Glyde Point. SM reported that there has been a consultation around a road through to Gunn Point with a second consultation for a road through Glyde Point. TO noted that he will get back to the Committee about who is driving the Glyde Point development.</i></p>
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6.	Correspondence (selected)	<p><b>6.1 Incoming</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1.1 Blog Post – Professor Bill Dennison</li> <li>6.1.2 Workshop Report – Professor Karen Gibb</li> <li>6.1.3 Practitioners Guide to Developing River Basin Report Cards – Jane Thomas</li> <li>6.1.4 Email from Dr Claire Streten – 27/9/17</li> <li>6.1.5 Email from Dr Claire Streten – 28/9/17 (with attachments – below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 2016 Report Card</li> <li>– 2016 Technical Report</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<p><b>6.2 Outgoing</b></p> <p>6.2.1 Communique - Meeting #2 6.2.2 Letter to Jane Thomas – Science Communicator, Northern Australia Environmental Resources Hub 6.2.3 Letter to Paul Purdon, Executive Director, Environment Protection, DENR</p> <p>Incoming correspondence at Items 6.1.1 – 6.1.5 were circulated to the Committee and tabled at the meeting for discussion.</p> <p>6.4.1 Email from Dr Claire Streten regarding Murray Logan attending a future DHAC meeting to present to the Committee on his new report card system.</p> <p><i>Committee comments: KG proposed having both Jane Thomas (role, organisation) and Murray Logan (Biostatistician – Australian Institute of Marine Science) to attend the next meeting to discuss report cards and invite Ian Poinar (Co-Chair of the Northern Territory Marine and Coastal Science End-user Knowledge Needs Analysis (NTMCS UNA)) to attend the meeting after that. The Committee agreed to KG’s proposal.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Invite Murray Logan (Biostatistician – Australian Institute of Marine Science) to attend the February DHAC meeting to present on 8 February 2018.</i></p>
7.	<p><b>Communication Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regular bulletins or newsletters i.e. attachment 5 with a DHAC banner. Add to website or other?</li> </ul>	No discussion held.
8.	<p><b>Presentation from Paul Purdon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ INPEX Maintenance Dredging and Spoil Disposal Management Plan – NTEPA Decision</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Purdon (Executive Director, Environment Division - DENR) provided the Committee with an update on the INPEX Maintenance Dredging and Spoil Disposal Management Plan – NTEPA Decision on 26 July 2017.</p> <p>PP outlined the role of the Environment Division from DENR – the Division provides administrative support to the NTEPA, however they have a broader role than contributing to the NTEPA’s regulatory functions. The NTEPA is responsible for both the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> and the <i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act</i>. The NTEPA does not directly regulate large cross-section of activities which impact upon Darwin Harbour, however they do provide advice into the Planning/Development Assessment Approvals Process (i.e. dredging). The other aspect of their business is the administration of Waste Water Discharge Licences,</p> <p>The Statement of Reasons on the INPEX Maintenance Dredging and Spoil Disposal Management Plan – NTEPA Decision was the vehicle to sending a message to a range of stakeholders as there is likely to be a range of dredging</p>

		<p>activity on the harbour (particularly maintenance dredging). A monitoring program could be established to assess the longer term cumulative impacts of dredging. The Committee agreed that cumulative impacts of dredging needs to be included in any holistic dredging strategy for DH. There is a need for ongoing baseline to allow the NTEPA to make informed decisions and for regulators to have the confidence to state that the proposed dredging works can be completed without significant impact”.</p> <p>The DENR is ascertaining key priorities for monitoring in Darwin harbour that would be indicators for impacts and assist those players undertaking dredging with the information they need to continue to put through applications.</p> <p>The DENR is interested in understanding more about the relationship between turbidity and light attenuation in Darwin Harbour and to better inform knowledge with regard to potential impacts on sea grass and corals in the Harbour.</p> <p><i>Committee comments: SM questioned whether there is a need to plan for dredging activity (i.e. at a specific time of year and all at once). PP noted that there is no strategic planning or assessment of dredging activities in Darwin Harbour - there is limited capacity to undertake this. However, this is a very good conversation to have and the approach has merit and should be considered into the future. Strategic assessment of dredging activities is not a new concept and has been considered in other jurisdictions. QLD has a dredging strategy which PP will provide for distribution to the Committee</i></p> <p><i>NH asked PP to name the top three issues in terms of risk to the environment and what the top three issues are that DHAC should focus on in terms of regulatory change. PP advised that he would have to take that question on notice From an NTEPA point of view the Harbour isn't a high priority at the moment Key strategic priorities for the NTEPA currently include but are not limited to the PFAS contamination (although this does have some implications for the Harbour), rehabilitation of mine sites and illegal dumping of waste.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> CL to obtain QLD Dredging Strategy from PP to circulate to the Committee.</p>
9.	Other Business	<p>GS noted the Central Darwin Area Plan Discussion Paper is out for public consultation which notes significant changes around the Harbour.</p> <p>Dr Graeme Suckling tendered his resignation to the Committee as he is retiring as CEO of UDIANT.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CL to circulate the Central Darwin Area Plan Discussion Paper to the Committee for feedback.</li> </ul>



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10.	<b>Communique to the Minister</b>	<p>CL and KG will work on Communique #2 out of session.</p> <p><i>Action: CL and KG to develop a Communique to send to the Minister.</i></p>
11.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be held on 8 February 2018.
	<b>Meeting closed</b>	Meeting closed at 12:55pm