

DARWIN HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE BULLETIN

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the first issue of the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC) Bulletin. We will produce these Bulletins throughout the year to keep you informed.

A key role for DHAC is to provide advice to the Northern Territory Government through the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources on the effective management of Darwin Harbour. We acknowledge this is a working harbour with ongoing development, however it also has cultural, recreational and environmental values.

Achieving a balance is a challenge and one that DHAC members are keenly aware of as we work on two key deliverables: 1) A 2018 Strategy for Darwin Harbour and 2) An integrated, web-based DH Report Cards that engage stakeholders and reflects the many faces of Darwin Harbour - including tourism, culture, recreation, marine biodiversity, economic resources. Properly managed, this innovative and integrated approach would embrace multiple portfolios, engage the community, provide an educational resource, integrate data and satisfy some of the Coastal and Marine Planning strategy outcomes – e.g. working together, improving our knowledge, and fostering sustainable industry.

As we continue our work we will provide regular updates and I look forward to engaging with you, our stakeholders, as part of this process.

Sincerely Karen Gibb

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Members of the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee were appointed to the Committee by the Minister from nominations received during an Expressions of Interest process. The following members were successful in securing a position on the Committee:

- Prof. Karen Gibb Charles Darwin University
- Mr Nick Hanigan Paspaley
- Mr Nigel Browne Larrakia Development Corporation
- Ms Shar Molloy Environment Centre of the Northern Territory
- Ms Sue McKinnon Landcare NT
- Mr David Ciaravolo Amateur Fisherman's Association Northern Territory
- Mr Jim Smith Sea Darwin
- Mr Alan Roe Territory Natural Resource Management
- Mr Terry O'Connor Darwin Port
- Dr Claire Streten Australian Institute of Marine Science
- Mr Mark Robertson INPEX
- Ms Shenagh Gamble City of Darwin
- Ms Annie Andrews Power and Water Corporation
- Mr Daniel Thompson Conocco Phillips Australia

DARWIN HARBOUR STRATEGY

One of the key deliverables of the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee is to review and update the Darwin Harbour Strategy. The former Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee prepared a Darwin Harbour Strategy in June 2010. The strategy was a comprehensive guide for the responsible stewardship and sustainable development of the Darwin Harbour region. It is timely that the Strategy be reviewed.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has appointed an officer to undertake this task on a part-time basis over a period of 3 months and a working group has been established to guide the revision and update of the Strategy.

DARWIN HARBOUR REPORT CARDS

Another key deliverable for the DHAC is the Darwin Harbour Report Cards. The Committee has been gathering information around options for a dynamic web based report card with biological health indicators and trends which will incentivise stewardship. At their meeting in February the following presentations were delivered to the Committee:

- Ms Jane Thomas - Science Communicator NESP Northern Australia Environmental Resources Hub at Charles Darwin University described her previous experience with the Integration and Application Network and discussed stakeholder engagement processes, website display options, and approaches for measuring non-ecological indicators for report cards.
- Mr Murray Logan – Biostatistician and Mr Richard Brinkman – Research Program Leader from the Australian Institute of Marine Science gave a joint presentation that summarised their previous experience working on the Gladstone Harbour report card.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee held their first workshop with the theme 'Planning and Development'. The workshop was held at Charles Darwin University on Monday 5 April 2018 between 9:00am and 3:30pm. The purpose of the workshop was to further improve the Committee's knowledge and understanding on planning and development processes, issues and projects with relevance to Darwin Harbour. The workshop had presentations from the following:

- Ms Karen Avery - Executive Director, Environment Policy and Support, Department of the Environment and Natural Resources;
- Ms Lisa Bradley - Director, Environmental Assessment, Department of the Environment and Natural Resources;
- Mr Douglas Lesh – Senior Director Planning, Lands and Planning, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Ms Anne Tan - General Manager, Strategic Infrastructure and Projects, Department of Trade, Business and Innovation;
- Mr Terry O'Connor - CEO, Darwin Port Operations; and
- Mr Mark Robertson - Government Approvals Manager, INPEX.

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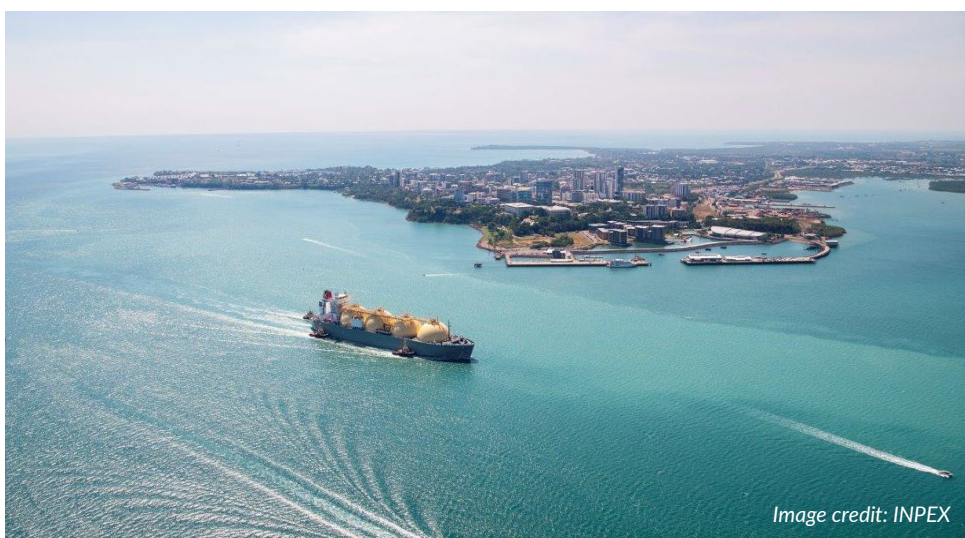


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