

Submission on the referral

Crowley Government Services Incorporated – Project Caymus Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Tourism NT

Summary:

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Section 2.1	Impact with passenger rail services	<p>It is proposed the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (BFSF) be built on a vacant land parcel located on Lot 5720, west of the Darwin Railway Terminal. The passenger terminal for the Darwin-Adelaide Railway is located within a few hundred metres to the north-east of the site. Access to the BFSF is via a proposed access road from Salloo Street, which passengers of The Ghan utilise for arrivals and departures from the station.</p> <p>It is acknowledged in the referral that ‘there is generally a single passenger train service per week, doubling to two train services during the peak tourist season, with the terminal being essentially empty for the remaining period’. Travel services are further detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 January to November – single northbound/southbound passenger train service arriving in Darwin Tuesday afternoon, departing Wednesday morning • April to August – two train services per week, arriving in Darwin Tuesday and Friday late afternoon, departing Darwin Wednesday and Saturday mornings Tuesday <p>Terminal facility opening hours outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday all day • Wednesday 6am – 12pm <p>If the project is to proceed, it is recommended specific consultation be undertaken with Journey Beyond, operators of The Ghan. Tourism NT is able to facilitate this process.</p>
Section 3.3.1.1	Pipe laying in the harbour	<p>Fuel will be delivered via ship onboard pumps via two marine unloading arms and new pipeline to the BFSF that will run along the existing wharf pipe rack. It is noted that existing unused pipes on the rack will be utilised, however the project has been ‘engineered on the assumption new pipes will be built for this purpose should the unused pipes not be available or suitable’.</p> <p>The current tourism portfolio operating within the harbour includes harbour and sunset cruises, fishing charters, heritage tours</p>

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		<p>and eco-tours. These businesses showcase the natural assets, habitats, inshore marine ecosystems, and shipwrecks, as part of the visitor experience.</p> <p>Consideration needs to be given to ensure any construction and laying of pipes in the harbour has limited impact on existing harbour tourism operators. It is recommended an ongoing monitoring program be employed if building of new pipes is required.</p>
Section 4.3	Administration of Act	<p>It is listed the below act is administered by the NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade but should be the Department of Environment Parks and Water Security.</p> <p><i>Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976 (NT) and Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Regulations</i></p>