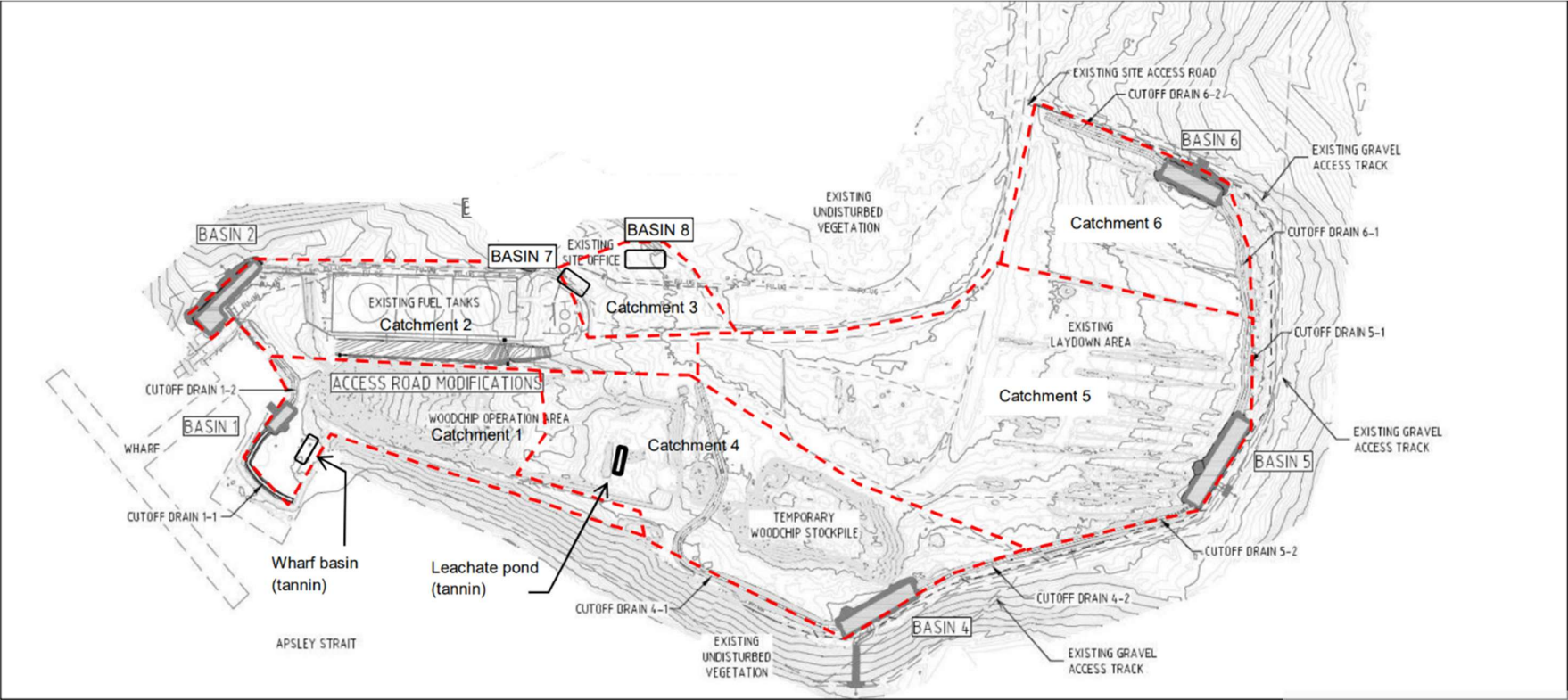


SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (*Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

Date and Time of Notification:	09/03/2026 – 5:55pm
Person / Company:	Cassandra Glover, Plantation Management Partners
Incident:	Overflow of diluted tannin surface water to Apsley Strait from Basin 4 and Basin 1 via concrete spillways located near each basin.
(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Basin 4 and 2 storage ponds at Port Melville overflowed following an extended period of rainfall. Rainfall leading up to the overflow was 119.8mm in the previous 24 hours (Pirlangimpi Airport). The excess water from Basin 2 runs into Basin 1.
(b) the place where the incident occurred	The Port - Port Melville, Melville Island, Tiwi Islands NT 0620 (Map attached in appendix) GPS Coords: Basin 4: 130.252889E, 11.252230S Final Discharge point: 130.252826E, 11.252464S Basin 1: 130°25'14.40"E, 11°25'19.14"S Final Discharge point: 130°25'13.80"E, 11°25'17.40"S
(c) the date and time of the incident	08/03/2026 – 0620
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	Tannin water from woodchip seeps into a series of catchment basins around the chip storage site at Port Melville. Basin 1 (wharf basin) and the leachate (tannin) pond auto-pump to the largest basin, Basin 4, which then auto-distributes into surrounding vegetated area. The rainfall events caused excess surface water and general run-off to enter Basin 4 (along with tannin water from Basin 1 and tannin pond), exceeding the storage and pumping ability of Basin 4. Basin 1 also exceeded limits & overflowed due to overflow and runoff from Basin 2. The overflow of diluted tannin water entered the spill way and into Apsley Strait.

(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	Generator and electric pumps had been running overnight from Sunday, with the backup pump started in Basin 4 on arrival at 0620. The 3 pumps have been running continually since to maximise reduction of water volume in Basin 4. Basin 2 stopped overflowing 1230 1700 Basin 4 continued overflowing with electric and backup pumps running. 0700 Monday 9th March – Over flow in Basin 4 stopped, pumps still running, with Basin 2 levels around 60% and Basin 4 at 80% Water samples were unable to be collected due to OHS reasons, with continued rainfall making access difficult and potentially dangerous. The capacity to collect samples and submit for testing under the required timelines was also not possible.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Cassandra Glover

Map of Port Melville Surface Water Catchments



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