

13 August 2015

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Dr Bill Freeland
Chair
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority
GPO Box 3675
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Dr Freeland,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the draft implementation plan for the Stormwater Strategy for the Darwin Harbour Region.

The City of Darwin congratulates the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority in formulating the draft implementation plan that provides a pathway to delivering improved outcomes for the community.

As a significant manager of land and infrastructure that can have an influence on the quality of stormwater entering Darwin Harbour, we wish to be actively engaged and participate in delivery of the implementation plan.

Council requests that as individual priority projects are developed over time and project teams are formed that the City of Darwin is engaged directly to allow sufficient allocation of resources to the process. While it is understood that the priorities and projects will be developed, the implementation plan should provide sufficient clarity that working groups are guided and understand the priorities of the Stormwater Strategy.

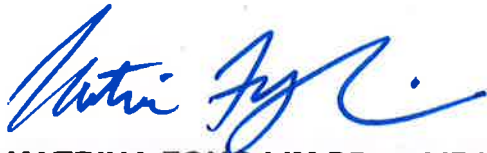
Further comments regarding particular areas of the Draft Implementation Plan are provided in the submission form and a brief summary is provided below.

- Role and responsibilities for participants need to be more clearly defined.
- The document needs to be clear that the projects will be worked on incrementally.
- The working groups should be tasked with assessing and identifying the resources required to deliver each of the implementation plan priorities.
- Individual work plans should identify the resources required to deliver the project.
- The review of the regulatory framework should reflect recommendations of the gap analysis.

- Measuring of performance should include water quality levels and analysis of the health of the ecosystem.

Thank you again for providing an opportunity to engage and participate in this important project.

Yours sincerely



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Submission Form for Comments and Feedback

Draft Implementation Plan – A stormwater strategy for the Darwin Harbour Region

Submissions close: Friday 14 August 2015, 5pm

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Table 1 Regulatory Framework	The review of the regulatory framework should reflect recommendations of the gap analysis
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Measuring Performance	Measuring of performance should include water quality levels and analysis of the health of the ecosystem

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Please complete the form and send it via one of the following by no later than Friday 14 August 2015, 5pm:

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