

Submission on Referral

Santos – Darwin Pipeline Duplication

Government authority: Heritage Branch, Dept. of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Summary: Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) identification and mitigation

| Section of Referral | Theme or issue | Comment |
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| Main report page Table 4-1, page 48 and page 24 Appendix | wrong title | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A typo, but a significant one. The Heritage Branch is the NT Heritage Branch, not the NT Heritage Commission. |
| Main report, 7.8, 198. And Appendix NT Re-referral Screening tool (Culture and Heritage) | Not recognising potential impacts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.8.1 Covers Maritime Cultural Heritage. The report states 'Engagement with the Heritage Branch is underway to confirm if additional heritage sites are present within the Project Area'. This is not incorrect, but does not accurately describe the current mitigation plan. The proponent is required to engage a maritime archaeologist to review remote sensing data of the project pipeline in order to locate targets that may indicate as yet unidentified Underwater Cultural Heritage. A scope of work for this consultancy was provided to Santos. While this work may be progressing in the background, this report does not describe the risk nor the consultancy recommended to mitigate it. Similarly the pre-referral tool located in the appendix does not appreciate potential impact to significant UCH sites not previously recorded. |
| Main Report 7.81, Appendix A | References superseded legislation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document makes reference to both the Historic Shipwrecks Act and the Underwater Cultural Heritage Act. The former was superseded by the later. |
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