

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

Date and Time of Notification:	23/01/2026 - 0758
Person / Company:	Cassandra Glover, Plantation Management Partners
Incident:	Overflow of diluted tannin water to Apsley Strait
(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Basin 4 storage pond at Port Melville over-flowed following an extended period of rainfall. Rainfall leading up to the overflow was 106.4mm in the previous 24 hours (Pirlangimpi Airport).
(b) the place where the incident occurred	The Port - Port Melville, Melville Island, Tiwi Islands NT 0822 (Map attached in appendix) GPS Coords: Basin 4: 130.252889E, 11.252230S Final Discharge point: 130.252826E, 11.252464S
(c) the date and time of the incident	22/01/2026 – 0845
(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. 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	The 3 pumps have been running continually since 6am on the 22/01/2026 to maximise reduction of water volume in Basin 4. Water samples have been collected to send to the laboratory for analysis.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Cassandra Glover

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