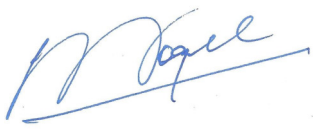
Northern Territory
Environment Protection Authority

NOTICE OF DECISION

This notice of decision is made under regulation 50(1) of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Proposed action name	Darwin Port Maintenance Dredging Campaign
Proponent name	Landbridge Port Pty Ltd as trustee for the Landbridge Darwin Port Lessee Trust
NT EPA reference	EP2025/046
Nature of proposed action	Coastal and marine
Description of proposed action	The proposed action is to undertake one-off maintenance dredging activities in conjunction with bed levelling in Darwin Harbour to remove unconsolidated sediment (e.g. clay, silt, sand) from existing berth pockets, channels and turning basin at and adjacent to: • Fort Hill Wharf on Lot 10187 Town of Darwin, and • East Arm Wharf and the Marine Supply Base on Section 7219 Hundred of Bagot. The quantity of unconsolidated sediment (e.g. clay, silt, sand) that requires dredging across the 3 locations is anticipated to be about 30,000 m^3. However, this will depend on the efficacy of bed levelling works that are also being undertaken. Bed levelling would be applied to level out high spots of accumulated sediment in areas outside the Fort Hill Wharf berth pocket, and within the East Arm Wharf berth pockets, and the Marine Supply Base channel. The bed levelling will disturb about 4,000 m^3 of material at these locations, is considered small scale and likely to pose a low risk to the environment. The dredging works will be carried out using a cutter suction dredge, with spoil disposal directly into the harbour, and into existing decant ponds at East Arm Wharf. The maintenance dredging works will occur over a period of approximately 2 to 3 weeks.
Person authorised to make decision	Dr Paul Vogel AM Chairperson, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the *Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012*.
Decision	**To accept** the referral **of a proposed action** Darwin Port Maintenance Dredging Works, **for standard assessment** in accordance with regulation 44(1) of the EP Regulations
Signature	
Date of decision	2 October 2025

Note: After this decision, the referral undergoes public consultation and consideration to inform the NT EPA's decision under regulation 57 of the EP Regulations on whether environmental impact assessment is required.