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Dear Dr Freeland

### **Stormwater Strategy for the Darwin Harbour Region**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NT EPA's Stormwater Strategy for the Darwin Harbour Region. The NT Planning Commission (NTPC) commends the NT EPA on its initiative as the importance and uniqueness of Darwin Harbour can never be overstated.

Your strategy is of interest and importance to the NTPC in a number of ways but it has particular relevance to our current development of a Draft Darwin Regional Land Use Plan (DRLUP). The catchment of Darwin Harbour falls wholly within the area that is the subject of the DRLUP.

While the DRLUP is yet to be finalised, it will, on completion, provide a strategy that will see the Darwin Region grow substantially. Clearly greater and denser development within the catchment of Darwin Harbour will pose many challenges. Therefore, the NTPC will make reference to your strategy in our draft DRLUP and reinforce the importance of Darwin Harbour.

Your strategy refers to "improved coordination of responsibilities under the WMPC Act and the Planning Act" and the NTPC stands ready to assist in that regard. Reference to your strategy should be made in all new Area Plans that fall within the catchment. Similarly, the Development Consent Authority (DCA) should take into account your strategy when considering applications that fall within the catchment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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