

# Referral form

## Refer proposed action or strategic proposal under the Environment Protection Act 2019

### Before you fill in the form

#### Guiding notes

- This form must be read in conjunction with environmental impact assessment guidance for proponents on the [NT EPA website](#) including Referring a proposal to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA).
- This form contains five (5) parts:
  - Part A – Proponent details
  - Part B – Proposal details
  - Part C – Referral details
  - Part D – Referrer declaration
  - Part E – Nominated contact.
- This form contains two checklists:
  - Cross reference of matters addressed in the referral report
  - Proponent's general duty.
- This form will be published.
- Further guidance or example responses are provided below in light grey text.

These guiding notes may be deleted before submitting the referral form and report.

| PART A – Proponent details                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Name of the proponent<br>(legal entity)                     | Landbridge Port Pty Ltd as trustee for the Landbridge Darwin Port Lessee Trust                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Proponent details                                           | <i>Name: Ryan Akers</i><br><i>Position/responsibility: Senior Manager – Maintenance and Engineering</i><br><i>Physical address: 880 Berrimah Road, East Arm Northern Territory 0822 Australia.</i><br><i>Postal address: PO Box 65, Berrimah NT 0828</i><br><i>Phone: (08) 8919 0830   M...0408 270 919</i><br><i>Email: ryan.akers@darwinport.com.au</i> |
| Proponent Trading Name if relevant                          | N.A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Australian Business Number/s<br>Australian Company Number/s | 90 606 908 945                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Provide a description of the organisational structure with respect to responsibility of the proposed action, environmental approvals and implementation. | Proponent: Landbridge Port Pty Ltd as trustee for the Landbridge Darwin Port Lessee Trust<br>Project Manager and Contract Administrator: AMA MC Pty Ltd<br>Design Services Subconsultant (Environmental Approvals): AMA MC Pty Ltd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Joint-venture partners (if applicable)                                                                                                                   | N.A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>PART B – Outline of the proposal and location</b>                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Outline of the proposed action or strategic proposal (proposal)</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Name of proposal                                                                                                                                         | Darwin Port Maintenance Dredging Campaign                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Provide a summary (one or two paragraphs) of the proposal including the activity type/ industry/ duration.                                               | <p>Darwin Port operates port facilities within Darwin Harbour, Northern Territory (NT); these include Fort Hill Wharf, East Arm Wharf and the Marine Supply Base (MSB).</p> <p>Darwin Port is required to periodically undertake maintenance dredging and bed levelling to remove unconsolidated sediment (e.g. silt, sand) that is naturally transported and deposited into existing berth pockets. This dredging and bed levelling is required to maintain the required depths to provide safe all tides access for vessels using port facilities and to maintain effective operational parameters at the facilities. The dredging campaign is expected to be spread over a two-to-three-week period, depending upon the extent to which simultaneous operations occur (e.g. occupancy of wharf berths by ships). Bed levelling activities will also be undertaken prior to dredging and these activities have been assessed separately to the proposed dredging activities.</p> |
| <b>Location</b>                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Provide location details as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>street address, suburb</li> </ul>                                                    | Darwin Port Operations,<br>880 Berrimah Road,<br>East Arm Northern Territory<br>0822 Australia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tenement, lot/section numbers, town/hundred, NT Portion or pastoral lease numbers, as applicable</li> </ul>       | Land associated with East Arm Wharf and Fort Hill Wharf consists of two parcels of freehold title which is leased from the Northern Territory Government under lease number 859663, as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 7219, Hundred of Bagot</li> <li>Lot 10187, Town of Darwin</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the nearest town, recognisable feature, and distance and direction from that town/feature to the site of the proposed action.</li> </ul>                   | East Arm Wharf. Maintenance material will be dredged from the East Arm Wharf berth pockets and MSB Channel. Fort Hill Wharf maintenance dredging is approximately 4km northwest of East Arm on the opposite side of Frances Bay. |
| Name of the <a href="#">Local Government Area/s</a> in which the proposal is located.                                                                                                             | Darwin                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| What is the land tenure type, and proposed land tenure type ?                                                                                                                                     | Freehold land - NT Government.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Does the proponent have the legal (land) access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If no, provide details of legal access authorisations /agreements / tenure is required and from whom.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br>Leased land from the NT Government.           |
| Is the <a href="#">land zoned under the NT Planning Scheme</a> ?                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br>If yes, what is/are the zoning/s?<br>Waterside restricted areas include all operating wharfs and any declared Waterside Restricted Zones (WRZ).        |
| What is the current land use of the proposal site/s?                                                                                                                                              | Port operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| What is the approximate distance (direct line) and direction to the closest human sensitive receptor?<br><br>For example, residence, accommodation, hospital, school, homeland from the proposal. | East Arm and MSB – 8km to nearest residences.<br>Fort Hill Wharf – 0.5km to nearest apartments.                                                                                                                                  |
| What is the proposed end land use of the proposal site/s                                                                                                                                          | (Existing) Port operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <p>Provide an overview of consultation undertaken specific to the proposal and potential environmental impacts.</p>                | <p><b>Lisa Bradley</b><br/>         Director Environmental Assessment<br/>         Environmental Assessment Unit / Environment Division<br/>         Department of Lands, Planning and Environment<br/>         Northern Territory Government</p> <p><b>Claudia Hunter</b><br/>         A/Director<br/>         Environmental Regulation<br/>         Department of Lands, Planning and Environment<br/>         Northern Territory Government</p> <p><b>Claire Carter</b><br/>         Manager (Water) Environmental Regulation<br/>         Environment Division<br/>         Department of Lands, Planning and Environment<br/>         Northern Territory Government</p> <p><b>Andrew Johnson</b><br/>         Controller of Water Resources<br/>         Water Resources Division<br/>         Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security</p> <p>Potential environmental impacts are presented and assessed within the DMP which has been reviewed by DLPE.</p> <p>The dredging and disposal activities proposed are also considered low risk to the marine environment due to the small volumes of sediment that require dredging, the short duration of the dredging activities and that dredging and disposal activities will occur in locations that have been subject to previous disturbance from dredging and disposal activities. Impacts are considered minor and are primarily related to the generation of sediment plumes and the transient increase in suspended solid concentrations (SSC) in the water column.</p> |
| <p>List the matters raised in consultation and identify how the proposal has been modified to respond to stakeholder feedback.</p> | <p>Some matters for further consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MSB footprint is close to South Shell Island and might have a cumulative impact if the timing is similar to the adjacent ship lift.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This advice does not prevent the NT EPA requesting a referral, under the Environment Protection Act 2019, for an activity that has the potential to have a significant impact on the environment.</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>PART C – Referral type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| What type of proposal is being referred?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> proposed action<br><input type="checkbox"/> strategic proposal<br><input type="checkbox"/> proponent initiated EIS referral                                                                                                                   |
| Provide a brief justification including the reasons why you consider the action may have a significant impact on the environment and is referred to the NT EPA.<br><br>Refer to section 11 of the EP Act and the <a href="#">NT EPA's environmental factors and objectives</a> . | The proposed action will not have a significant impact on the marine environment (refer to NTEPA in its Statement of Reasons dated 13 March 2018) for the previous maintenance dredging program undertaken in the same locations.                                                 |
| Does the proposal involve an action that may be or is a controlled action under the Commonwealth <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)?                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Has the proposed action been referred?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, provide the date referred and reference number (EPBC number)?<br><br>However, the previous maintenance dredging program was referred (2017-8122)<br>Date: _____ EPBC number: _____                 |
| If referred, has a decision been made on whether the proposed action is a controlled action?                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><br>If yes, check the appropriate decision outcome and provide the decision in an attachment.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – controlled action<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decision – not a controlled action |
| <b>PART D – Proponent referrer details and declaration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**\*The referral form must include the declaration signed by the proponent, or where the proponent is an organisation or business, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or duly authorised delegate within the proponent company.**

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| Who is referring this proposal?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent<br><input type="checkbox"/> Authorised representative within proponent entity                                                                                                                                       |
| Does the proponent request that the NT EPA treat any part of the information in the referral as confidential under section 281(2) of the EP Act?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br>If yes, provide an application in accordance with regulation 271 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 and submit the confidential information as a <b>separate</b> attachment |
| <b>Referral declaration by proponent:</b><br>I, .....Ryan Akers declare that I am authorised to refer this proposed action/strategic proposal on behalf of Landbridge Darwin Port and further declare that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the attached environmental impact assessment documents have been prepared in accordance with the EP Act and EP Regulations; and</li> <li>the attached environmental impact assessment documents (including attachments) are true; and</li> <li>the attached environmental impact assessment documents do not provide false or misleading information and I know it is an offence to provide false and misleading information, noting the penalties under section 260 of the EP Act, and section 119 of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1983</i>; and</li> <li>the proponent fully understands that referral under the EP Act does not limit, in any way, the requirements of the proponent to ensure approvals under any other regulatory regime are applied for, and adhered to; and</li> <li>the proponent has fulfilled its general duty in accordance with section 43 of the EP Act.</li> </ul> <i>Note: if the NT EPA determine that an environmental approval is required, the proponent will be requested to provide supporting documents during the assessment process such as details to support that the person is a fit and proper person to hold an environmental approval in accordance with section 62 of the EP Act</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Name: (print) Ryan Akers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Signature:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Date: 25/9/25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Position: Senior Manager                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Organisation</b> (if a business or organisation): Landbridge Darwin Port                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |
| Email: <a href="mailto:ryan.akers@darwinport.com.au">ryan.akers@darwinport.com.au</a>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |
| Address: PO Box 65, Berrimah NT 0828                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |
| <b>PART E – Nominated contact</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |
| Contact details for proponent contact (provide the details for the person who will be corresponding with the NT EPA on the proposal)                                 | Business name: Landbridge Darwin Port<br>Name of primary contact: Ryan Akers<br>Physical address: 880 Berrimah Road<br>East Arm Northern Territory, 0822 Australia<br>Postal address: PO Box 65, Berrimah NT 0828<br>Phone: 0408 270 919<br>Email: <a href="mailto:ryan.akers@darwinport.com.au">ryan.akers@darwinport.com.au</a> |                                                                   |
| Contact details of consultant (if relevant, provide the details for the person who will be corresponding with the NT EPA on the proposal on behalf of the proponent) | Business name: AMA Maritime Consulting<br>Name of primary contact: Dr Adam Cohen<br>Physical address:<br>Postal address:<br>Phone: 0413 033 500<br>Email: <a href="mailto:adam@marineassociates.com.au">adam@marineassociates.com.au</a>                                                                                          |                                                                   |
| <b>CHECKLIST 1 - Cross reference of matters addressed in the referral report (for more detail refer to the Referring a proposal to the NT EPA guidance)</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |
| <b>Item</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>See <a href="#">Referral guidance</a> for further detail on information requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Report section / page</b>                                      |
| <i>Publication statement</i>                                                                                                                                         | Provide name and qualifications of relevant contributors to the referral.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Page 2 of the Dredging and Dredge Material Management Plan (DMP). |
| <i>Executive summary</i>                                                                                                                                             | Overview of the proposal, its potential for significant impact and key conclusions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Page 1 of the SAP Implementation Report, Pages 1 to 4 of the DMP  |
| <i>Introduction</i>                                                                                                                                                  | Include a brief introduction to the proposal and the proponent (noting proponent details are also to be included in the referral form /                                                                                                                                                                                           | Page 1 of the SAP Implementation Report, Pages 1 to 4 of the DMP  |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | environmental approval application form).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Proposal description - Key components</i>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposal, referencing maps and spatial information.</p> <p>Provide a key components summary table.</p> <p>Identify uncertainty / likely changes if particular elements of a proposal require further design at the time of referral.</p> <p>Provide an account of past, present and reasonably foreseeable future development, operations, or industries that are related the current proposal.</p> | See DMP. The works are maintenance dredging of existing channels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Proposal description - Location and regional context</i>                                                                                                                                                              | Location and regional context.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Page 1 of the DMP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Proposal description - Alternatives (options)</i>                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Describe any alternatives (location, timeframes, activities) considered or are under consideration in scoping and developing the proposal.</p> <p>Describe how the analysis of alternatives accounted for the <i>principles of environment protection and management</i> (Part 2 of the EP Act).</p> <p>Justification for the preferred/selected option.</p> <p>Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment.</p>                           | Page 18 of the DMP (sweeping works/bed leveling where possible to minimise impacts of dredging)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Proposal description - Application of the:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Principles of environment protection and management (Part 2)</i></li> <li><i>General duty of proponents (s43)</i></li> </ul> | <p>Discuss how the proposal accounts for the <i>principles of environment protection and management</i> (Part 2 of the EP Act) and the general duty of proponents provided for under section 43 of the EP Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of ecologically sustainable development</li> <li>Environmental decision-making hierarchy</li> <li>Waste management hierarchy.</li> </ul>                                          | <p>General Environmental Duty (GED): PoD proactively prevent and minimize environmental harm.</p> <p>The DMP specifically addresses the environmental risks and mitigation measures in Section 7 &amp; 8. PoD is also committed to Integration, Prevention, Precautionary Principle, Rectification at source and Polluter Pays.</p> |

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| <p>Consultation</p> <p><a href="#">Refer to NT EPA Stakeholder Engagement guidance 2020</a></p> | <p>The EP Act (section 3 and section 43) puts an obligation on the proponent to consult with stakeholders and the community in the development of the proposal.</p> <p>As an example, the referral should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a description of stakeholder engagement and community consultation undertaken</li> <li>• an outline of the method and process of consultation with stakeholders</li> <li>• a summary of the key matters raised during consultation</li> <li>• any changes made as a result of consultation</li> <li>• the ongoing consultation, and options for feedback</li> <li>• whether the consultation has or has not been undertaken in accordance with NT EPA guidance on Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>• whether the consultation has or hasn't been undertaken in accordance with the section 43 (EP Act) general duty of proponents (see Checklist 2).</li> </ul> | <p>NA, maintenance of existing channels. However, relevant stakeholders are aware of the work (i.e. Regional Harbour Master)</p> |
| <p>Strategic and statutory context</p>                                                          | <p>Table discussing proposal specific legislation, policies, and guidelines that are and may be applicable to the proposal and the sequencing and status of those, is provided.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>DMP Section 2</p>                                                                                                             |
| <p>Environmental Factors</p>                                                                    | <p><b>The sections below relate to information that describes the potential impacts of the proposal on the NT EPA's Environmental factors.</b></p> <p>Information requirements for each environmental factor identified by the pre-referral screening tool are provided (any technical studies and surveys included).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>See DMP Section 7</p>                                                                                                         |
| <p>Environmental Factors and objectives</p>                                                     | <p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>See DMP Section 7</p>                                                                                                         |

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| Presence/absence of environmental values                                                                                                | The presence or absence of relevant environmental values and sensitivities are verified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                        |
| Environmental Factors and objectives                                                                                                    | Specify the source and currency of information (e.g. desktop assessments, and/or field surveys, the methods used, dates, sources, and whether the approach is conducted in accordance with relevant regulatory and industry guideline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                        |
| Potential impacts and consistency with relevant policy/guidance                                                                         | <p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>Assessment of potential impacts (negative, direct, indirect, cumulative, short and long-term) of the proposal.</p> <p>Relevant policy and guidance described.</p> <p>Residual / remaining impact to the environmental factor described.</p> <p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>Describe in terms of management hierarchies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• measures proposed to avoid, mitigate or offset (if appropriate)</li> <li>• effectiveness of proposed measures and the level of confidence of implementation</li> <li>• whether the NT EPA's objective for the environmental factor is likely to be met.</li> </ul> | See DMP Section 7 and Referral Report Section 3.                                       |
| Environmental Factors and objectives                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
| Environment protection and management                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Environmental risks and mitigation measures in DMP Section 7                           |
| Environmental Factors and objectives                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
| Cumulative impacts                                                                                                                      | <p><i>Repeat for each NT EPA Factor being considered for your proposal/referral</i></p> <p>Describe potential cumulative impacts.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Cumulative impacts are acknowledged and mitigation included, Referral Report Section 3 |
| <b>CHECKLIST 2 - Consideration of the Proponent's general duty (in accordance with section 43 of the EP Act)</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
| <b>Section 43 General duty of proponents</b>                                                                                            | <b>Done</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Comment</b>                                                                         |
| The following principles of ecologically sustainable development must be taken into consideration in the design of the proposed action. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Provide comment here                                                                   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision-making principle</li> </ul>                                                  | ✓ | Routine maintenance dredging/bed leveling works are required to remove unconsolidated sediments that are naturally deposited within the berth pockets, turning basin, and channel areas to maintain safe access for vessels using the port facilities. Short-term impacts from the maintenance works are outweighed by long-term risks to navigation and access by vessels if operational depth is not maintained.                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of proportionality</li> </ul>                                               | ✓ | Risk to the environment from dredging actions in disturbed areas is proportionally less than risks posed to the environment from serious navigation failure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precautionary principle</li> </ul>                                                    | ✓ | Survey and sampling work has been completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of evidence-based decision-making</li> </ul>                                | ✓ | Decision making has been guided by survey and sampling work to avoid serious damage to the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of intergenerational and intergenerational equity</li> </ul>                | ✓ | No additional (new) areas have been proposed for dredging or disposal works. All areas have been disturbed by previous works. Maintenance works aim to ensure the long-term operation of the port facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of sustainable use</li> </ul>                                               | ✓ | Where applicable the Port may reuse dredge material within the Port facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity</li> </ul> | ✓ | Previously disturbed areas may have been recolonised by pioneer species; however, maintenance works are unlikely to have a long-term detrimental impact to these species and recolonization is likely post dredging works.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle of improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms</li> </ul>          | ✓ | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The following management hierarchies must be taken into consideration in the design of the proposed action.                  |   | Provide comment here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental decision-making hierarchy</li> </ul>                                    | ✓ | Darwin Port intend to complete as much as practically possible via sweeping/bed leveling (outside of this application) to reduce the scope of the required dredging activities and minimise the impact on the surrounding environment. Environmental monitoring will be undertaken during the works to ensure unacceptable impacts to the environment are avoided. Impacts to the immediate surrounding environment (turbidity) are |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | unavoidable but will not be extensive or long-term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste management hierarchy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓ | Maximising/prioritising sweep works (outside of this application) will minimise the amount of dredging waste generated by the maintenance works.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Other section 43 considerations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have communities that may be affected by the proposed action been provided with information and opportunities for consultation?</li> </ul>                                                                                                  | ✓ | Yes. Darwin Port has provided information and invited input from harbour users whose harbour use is directly impacted by the depth of the shipping channel and berth pockets.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has consultation with affected communities, including Aboriginal communities' been undertaken in a culturally appropriate manner?</li> </ul>                                                                                                | ✓ | <p>Darwin Port will notify all port users and the general public of the maintenance bed levelling campaign by publishing a notice on the Darwin Port website and providing the Port's 24-hour incident, complaints and emergency contacts.</p> <p>Darwin Port has not consulted with any Aboriginal communities about the proposed dredging works.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has community knowledge and understanding (including scientific and traditional knowledge and understanding) of the natural and cultural values of areas that may be impacted by the proposed action been sought and documented?</li> </ul> | ✓ | Yes. Darwin Port has conducted searches of the National Native Title Tribunal and Northern Territory Sacred Sites and Heritage registers for the areas subject to the dredging campaign.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have Aboriginal values and the rights and interests of Aboriginal communities' been addressed in relation to areas that may be impacted by the proposed action?</li> </ul>                                                                  | ✓ | As above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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