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Dear Dr Freeland

**RE: NT EPA DRAFT STORMWATER STRATEGY FOR THE DARWIN
HARBOUR REGION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thank you for your letter dated 8 May 2014 seeking views and comment from the Department of Local Government and Regions (DLGR) on the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority's (NT EPA) draft strategy for stormwater management in the Darwin Harbour Region.

The EPA is to be commended for developing a strategy for managing issues related to urban stormwater as the region is currently experiencing considerable growth. I am advised by your office that the Darwin City Council and City of Palmerston Council will be making submission. I anticipate that those organisations will have the practical knowledge of the specific issues related to stormwater run-off in the greater Darwin area and will provide appropriate responses.

I note that the draft Stormwater Strategy has been developed for public consultation purposes and, while there are no particular issues raised which are relevant to the DLGR, I am pleased that the local government sector is providing comment.

Yours sincerely

ALLAN MCGILL

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