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To whom it may concern,

**Opportunity to Comment on Environmental Regulatory Reform**

In response to your letter to Mr Brendan Dowd dated of 2 September 2016, City of Darwin welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency's (NT EPA) environmental regulatory reform process.

Officers have reviewed the draft advice regarding Dr Allan Hawke's review of the Northern Territory's Environmental Assessment and Approval Processes and provide comments and queries to the NT EPA in the attached submission document.

Local government is identified as a regulatory agency responsible for local roads, waste disposal and stormwater. Comments provided are in the context of these responsibilities.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss the submission further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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## Submission Form for Comments and Feedback

### Draft Advice: Response to Dr Allan Hawke's Review of NT Assessment and Approval Processes

*Submissions close: Friday 14 October 2016, 5pm*

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<p>Your comments will be publicly available.</p> <p>Mark the box here <input type="checkbox"/> if you do not want your comments to be made publicly available.</p> <p>Mark the box here <input type="checkbox"/> if you do not want your identity to be made publicly available.</p>			

Section	Comment
Approval process	In moving to a single environmental approval process, how would or could this interact with existing approval processes? For example, City of Darwin currently requests Environment Construction Management Plans for new developments. If there is a streamlined approval process, CoD could deem this process unnecessary.
Stormwater	An area of concern for CoD is the matter of responsibility for pollution from private properties into the public stormwater network. Clarity around this process should be made.

<b>General comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do these changes apply to new developments?</li> </ul> <p>What is considered a "Development"? This could be based on size, or financial capacity. Guidelines should be developed to provide direction for developments of all size and complexity. The approvals process would be best applied at the development permit / application stage.</p>

**Please complete the form and send it via one of the following by no later than Friday 30 September 5pm:**

**Email:** [NTEPA.Consult@nt.gov.au](mailto:NTEPA.Consult@nt.gov.au)

**Post:** NT EPA, GPO Box 3675, Darwin NT, 0801

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<b>General comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are there to be stormwater quality requirements connecting into existing systems?</li></ul>