

---

**From:** Dianne Bensley  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2022 11:26 AM  
**To:** eia NTEPA  
**Subject:** FW: Invite to comment on accepted referral - Department of Defence - HMAS Coonawarra - Dredging  
**Attachments:** Coonawarra dredging - WWII Degaussing Range.jpeg  
**Categories:** Jane

Good morning,

Apologies for the delay in providing this response. I meant to reply after the Assessment Forum last Friday, but time got away from me. I hope it's not too late to include these heritage comments.

There was really only one area of concern. In the Referral report and appendices A, D and F, **Section 7.11.2 Non-indigenous Heritage** (page 71) states that there are no declared heritage places situated within HMAS *Coonawarra* and that the works are unlikely to affect heritage values. That is inaccurate, as there is a declared heritage place known as the WWII Degaussing Range within the restricted waters of the Larrakeyah Naval Base. It is located approximately 300m SE from the edge of the furthest point of the proposed NCIS-5 Project Dredge Area (see attached map extract). It is true that the proposed dredging works are unlikely to impact on the heritage place, but it is worth noting its position, particularly in relation to the proposed future eastern wharf dredging.

Regards,  
Di

**Dianne Bensley**

Senior Heritage Officer, Heritage Branch  
Community Participation and Inclusion  
Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Floor 1, JHV2- Jape Home Maker Village, 356 Bagot Road, Millner  
PO Box 37037 Winnellie NT 0821

t. 08 8999 5051  
w. [tfhc.nt.gov.au](http://tfhc.nt.gov.au)



I acknowledge Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of the country I work on, and their connection to land and community. I pay my respect to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders both past and present.



TERRITORY FAMILIES,  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Use or transmittal of the information in this email other than for authorised NT Government business purposes may constitute misconduct under the NT Public Sector Code of Conduct and could potentially be an offence under the NT Criminal Code. If you are not the intended recipient, any use, disclosure or copying of this message or any attachments is unauthorised. If you have received this document in error, please advise the sender and delete the email. No representation is given that attached files are free from viruses or other defects. Scanning for viruses is recommended.



5239

5556

37  
35  
35  
525  
35  
9 3  
75  
75

 WWII  
Degaussing  
Range