


NOTICE OF DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

This notice of decision and statement of reasons is made under regulations 275 and 276 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Name of proposed action	Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct
NT EPA reference	EP2022/013
Proponent	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (formerly Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics)
Description of strategic proposal	A program for establishing a precinct on Middle Arm Peninsula, Darwin Harbour, as a strategic location for industrial development over 50 years with a focus on low-emission hydrocarbon, renewable hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, mineral processing and advanced manufacturing. Individual proposals within the scope of the strategic assessment would undergo separate assessment and approval processes under the EP Act, subject to approval of the strategic proposal.
Nature of the strategic proposal	Industrial
Person authorised to make decision	Dr Paul Vogel AM Chairperson Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i>
Decision	To extend the specified period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement to be submitted to the NT EPA in accordance with regulation 274 of the EP Regulations
Original specified period	Submit draft EIS to NT EPA by 7 October 2024
Extended specified period	Submit draft EIS to NT EPA by 7 October 2026
Reasons for the decision	The proponent's request to extend the specified period to allow time to address comments from government in response to an adequacy review is considered to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">necessary to meet the objects of the EP Act; andconsistent with the purpose of the assessment process under section 42 of the EP Act.
Signature	
Date of decision	1 October 2024