

SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (*Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

Date and Time of Notification:	17/12/2018 TIME: 16:15hrs
Person / Company:	Andrea Kittel, HSE Business Partner – Gove Operations
Incident:	Caustic wastewater discharge into Melville Bay (RTBS # 1000508002).

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	On 17 December 2018 an overflow of the western containment pond into the Western Sea Water Channel has resulted in a discharge of waste liquid into Melville Bay. The discharged waste has exceeded the sites waste discharge licence (WDL171-08).
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Seawater channel discharging caustic wastewater into Melville Bay (-12.193925, 136.684502). 
(c) the date and time of the incident	Date – 17 December 2018 Time – 0600hrs

(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	1. Western Containment pond pump stopped pumping. 2. Western containment pond filled and overflowed into the seawater channel. 3. A containment weir located at sampling point S001 has initially held back the overflow from the western containment pond (S001 pH 12.56 confirmed by Rio Tinto Laboratory. NATA sample pending results). 4. A further sample was taken at the 'out investigation point' (sea water channels meets the sea). This sample recorded a pH of 10.29. 5. Estimated discharge of 10m³ into Melville Bay. 
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	1. Western Containment Pump restarted. 2. Potable Water dilution run into seawater channel. 3. Sea Water Pumps reinstated. Event pending further investigation.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Andrea Kittel, HSE Business Partner.