

Submission on the referral

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Mandorah Marine Facilities

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism – **Tourism NT**

Summary: Tourism NT commends the new facilities particularly the improvements for visitor accessibility and safety, recommends incorporating shaded fishing facilities and consultation with Tourism Top End

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
3.1	Accessibility	Tourism NT commends the new facilities and the focus on accessibility and safety. Accessible tourism is a growing part of the tourism market and Tourism NT supports this project for providing better access for people with disabilities and the elderly.
5.13 And 9.10.	Visitation Community and the Economy	- There is a minor reference to ‘visitors’ in these sections primarily to say that “it is expected that this project will improve accessibility to the area and increase economic opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”. - It is worth noting that one of the key things for tourists to do when visiting Mandorah is fishing and if you do not have a boat the existing Mandorah ferry berthing structure is a great place to fish. There is shade and multiple places to sit which provides an activity for both day and weekend visitors. The shade coupled with the multiple levels of the pontoon are interesting for children (under supervision) which provides an enjoyable outdoor fishing activity for visiting families exploring the region. - It is recommended that access to shaded fishing areas be considered as part of this project to ensure there are accessible activities for visitors to Mandorah.
Appendix C Stakeholder Engagement Plan	5 Stakeholder Analysis	Tourism Top End and Tourism NT have been identified as Stakeholders with the ‘recommended type of consultation’ identified as ‘inform’. It is recommended that this be changed to ‘consult’ for Tourism Top End.