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Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee Seminar Series

Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour will this week officially launch the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee seminar series, *Our Harbour, Our Life, Our Future*.

Ms Scrymgour said the six night seminar series, commencing tomorrow, would address two themes.

"The first theme is the environmental and cultural management issues of the Darwin Harbour region and the second is the natural environment of Darwin Harbour and its catchment," Ms Scrymgour said.

"The topics covered within these themes will include marine pests, groundwater, Indigenous culture, frogs, cane toads, reptiles, mammals and research.

"So I encourage anyone interested in the conservation of Darwin Harbour to attend the upcoming seminar series."

The Northern Territory Government developed the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management two years ago in recognition of the importance Darwin Harbour and its catchment has in the Top End.

The Plan of Management extends from Charles Point to Gunn Point and includes the land that flows into all the waterways of Darwin Harbour.

"The Darwin Harbour is important to our environment and great lifestyle - that is why we have protected 96% of the mangroves," Ms Scrymgour said.

The catchment to harbour approach recognises the need to manage the region on a catchment-wide basis, because activities on the land can in turn affect Darwin Harbour.

The seminar series will be held from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT on February 21, 22, 23 and 28 and March 1 and 2.

More information about the seminars can be accessed at www.harbourplan.nt.gov.au or by phoning 8999 4455.

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