



## Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

### **Chair Hands Over Harbour Report**

A status report on the implementation of the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management 2004-05 has highlighted the progress of 108 actions from the existing Plan of Management.

These actions include the establishment of three working groups \_ The Ecosystem Monitoring Group, The Ecosystem Research Group and the Indigenous Working Group \_ that have overseen a number of projects.

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee chair John Bailey presented Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour with the status report at an official handover earlier today.

Minister Scrymgour is expected to read the report in coming weeks and consider the Plan's level of progress.

Mr Bailey said information on each action in the report has been provided by the agency responsible for its implementation, with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts one of the five agencies involved.

He said the Plan covers Darwin Harbour and its catchment, which extends from Charles Point to Gunn Point including the estuarine areas and tributaries of Woods Inlet, West Arm, Middle Arm, East Arm and the Howard River and all of the land that drains into these waterways.

"With the high expectations created by the Plan of Management, I am pleased to report that many of its actions have been achieved," Mr Bailey said.

"This report marks the first year of the Plan's implementation, which has been a learning experience for all involved."

Mr Bailey said the Plan's success depends on building partnerships with Government, industry and anyone interested in the region's wellbeing.

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