



**Delia Lawrie**  
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

## Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee



*Our Harbour, Our Life, Our Future*

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# Protecting Darwin Harbour

Environment Minister Delia Lawrie has accepted the second status report on the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management.

Ms Lawrie said she will look at the report and consider its recommendations.

“We have a beautiful harbour which is in pristine condition and the Territory Government is committed to keeping it that way,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee was established by the Martin Government to provide advice on protecting the Harbour and its catchment, it’s clear a great deal of work has gone into the status report and it will be duly considered.

“Cabinet has already endorsed the Harbour Plan of Management and recognises the Harbour is an important part of the Territory lifestyle.”

Chair of the committee John Bailey said progress made by Government Agencies towards implementing the Plan is a step in the right direction and the status report will increase momentum.

“The Committee takes its role seriously and there is a lot we can all do to preserve the unique environment of our waterways,” he said.

“The Committee is seeking direction and support from the Government.

“The Water Quality Protection Plan Project, a partnership between the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and the Committee is an exciting initiative that will deliver on actions in the Plan of Management.”

Minister Lawrie said she will regularly consult with the Committee to ensure the harbour is managed appropriately.

“Darwin harbour is 7 times the size of Sydney harbour and relatively untouched, it’s a beautiful, natural asset worth protecting.”

The status report is available at [www.harbourplan.nt.gov.au](http://www.harbourplan.nt.gov.au)

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