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Water Quality in Darwin Harbour

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC) has invited Territorians to come along to a public presentation about water quality of Darwin Harbour, being held on Wednesday 19 March 2008.

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee Chair John Bailey said the Darwin Harbour catchment holds significant social, economic, environmental and cultural importance within the Top End Community.

“The catchment of Darwin Harbour contains the largest concentration of residential, commercial and industrial activities in the Northern Territory, and managing the resources requires an integrated and cooperative approach,” Mr Bailey said.

The public presentation, being conducted by DHAC and Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) will outline the current knowledge of water resources in the Darwin Harbour catchment.

“The main purpose of the presentation is to discuss the effects of sediments and nutrient flows from storm and waste water, and the impact this has on the water quality of in the Darwin Harbour catchment,” Mr Bailey said.

“We have two expert researchers currently in Darwin undertaking field work and this provided an ideal opportunity for them to present their initial findings to the community.

“Dr Michelle Burford, from the Australian Rivers Institute at Griffith University will discuss the ecological health of Darwin Harbour.

“Nutrient cycling on sewage impacted and non-impacted sites will be discussed by Dr Jodie Smith from Geoscience Australia.

The public presentation is at Charles Darwin University, Building 24, Room 2404, from 3.30-5pm. For further information contact 8999 4538 or RSVP to wqpp.nreta@nt.gov.au.

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