



# Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING 17

12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

9 am to 12 noon

Council Chambers, Darwin City Council Building, Harry Chan Ave, Darwin

### 1. Welcome And Apologies

#### Present:

##### Name

John Bailey  
Luccio Cercareli (proxy)  
Chris Makepeace  
Marree Domelow (proxy)  
Bob Wasson

Duncan Dean  
Juanita Croft  
Lyn Allen  
Merrilyn Barnes

##### Representing

Independent Chairperson  
Local Government Association NT  
Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT  
Greening Australia – Water for Life  
Charles Darwin University, Chair Ecosystem  
Research Group  
Community Representative  
Director Environmental Assessment & Policy  
Executive Director Environment and Heritage  
EPA Program – Project Coordinator

#### Apologies:

##### Name

Brendan Dowd  
Adele Pedder  
Alastair Black

##### Representing

Local Government Association NT  
Environment Centre NT  
Darwin Port Commercial Interests

### ***PREVIOUS BUSINESS***

### 2. Acceptance Of Previous Minutes

Agreed that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: John Bailey

Agreed Bob Wasson

### 3. Action Sheet From Previous Meeting

Action sheet noted and brief update given.

### 4. Correspondence

Incoming and outgoing correspondence files were tabled. List of correspondence noted.

### 5. Financial Report

Current budget received and noted by the Committee.

### 6. Management Plan Review

John Bailey gave a brief on his discussions with the Department CEO's for the production of the Status Report including Power and Water. It was suggested

by Lyn Allen that DHAC invite a representative from Power & Water and Michael Lawton, Director Environmental Management, EPA Program to discuss the waste discharge licences and performance of the Darwin Harbour sewerage outfalls.

**ACTION 1**

Merrilyn to arrange for Michael Lawton and P&W to present information on the Larrakeyah outfall at the next meeting.

**ACTION 2**

Merrilyn to email out links for the waste discharge licences and PWC reports for the Darwin Harbour sewerage outfalls to the Committee

The Committee considered the proposed public consultation strategy for the review of the Darwin Harbour Regional Plan of Management. Comments from the Committee include the following:

- Schools should be a target audience
- University students could be used to provide input
- Include Palmerston shopping centre for static display
- Include the new Palmerston Library for the static display.
- Ensure that TOPROC are a target audience for consultation.

**ACTION 3**

Merrilyn to work with NRETA Marketing to ensure above comments are incorporated into the public consultation document.

**Resolution**

The document was agreed upon in principal and any further comments are to be addressed to Merrilyn by mid January.

**7. Water Quality Protection Plan**

Lyn Allen provided an update on the activities for the Darwin Harbour Water Quality Protection Plan. She reported the following:

- That the Steering Committee has been formed and will have its first meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- John Bailey is the DHAC representative on the Steering Committee and will be attending this meeting.
- A Project Coordinator, George Maly, has commenced.
- DPI will be delivering the Water Sensitive Urban Design Project.
- DHAC's role will be assisting with consultation for the project and discussions have commenced with NRETA marketing on how this will be achieved. Consultations are expected to commence in February – March 07.

**8 Indigenous Working Group Project**

Merrilyn and John gave some background to the paper attached to the agenda. John indicated that the project had great potential.

It was agreed that the project was most likely to be successful if it was able to focus on a tangible outcome. In this respect Lyn Allen noted the potential to

use the Water Quality Protection Plan component on identifying Indigenous values as a focus for further work.

The group also discussed the difficulty in maintaining an Indigenous representative on DHAC

**ACTION 4**

DHAC to send a letter to the Minister with background information on the difficulties in maintaining an Indigenous representative. Also to request that she invite an indigenous rep from other organisations beside Larrakia Nation eg NLC

**Resolution**

That the roll over funds for the IWG be used to determine how DHAC engages with Indigenous people. It was agreed that NRETA/EPA Program would determine the most effective way of managing the project, and noted that it was likely that this was to employ a staff member rather than let a consultancy, given that the project needed to be substantially completed by 30 June 2007.

**9. Glyde Point Development**

John gave some background to the previous briefings that DHAC has received in regards to this project.

John asked if it was within the scope of GHD's brief to consider other sites (locations) for the proposed development at Glyde Point.

**ACTION 5**

Merrilyn to distribute via email the link for the Notice of Intent (NOI) for Glyde Point development to all DHAC members

**ACTION 6**

Merrilyn to re-distribute the email and attachment sent by ECNT to ensure new members have a copy.

**ACTION 7**

Chris Makepeace to provide a copy of the AFANT letter to all DHAC members as a start for DHAC submission. DHAC members to provide advice to the Minister directly, noting the role of the EPA Program in assessing the proposal.

**10. Environmental Impact Assessment Status Report**

This report will be a standing item.

Current projects were provided in an attachment to the agenda. Juanita Croft described an additional notice of intent for a proposal to raise the Darwin River Dam wall by 1.5 metres which will result in an extra 1,000ha footprint.

**ACTION 8**

Write to invite Power & Water to brief DHAC at the next meeting in regards to this proposal.

### **11. Discussion Paper – Marine Industry, Darwin**

Andrea Videion provided a brief to DHAC in regards to the draft Discussion Paper on the Marine Industry attached to the agenda papers.

GHD was engaged two months ago by DBERD under the Marine Working Group. The report is still under construction. No environmental assessment is occurring at this stage, it is strategic planning only.

John Bailey provided GHD with a copy of the Plan of Management and asked GHD to consider DHAC's 5 goals in the Strategic Plan. Andria has done this and focused on goal 2 To support recreation use and enjoyment of the environment.

Some comments made include:

- Bob Wasson: highlighted dredging issues and water quality issues
- Chris Makepeace was concerned that the plans looked like creating an "island". Andrea said these plans have been revised.
- John Bailey expressed concern about the potential incompatible land use between residential and heavy industry such as Perkins and the DSRE.

Next step is likely to be a cabinet submission to access funds for the project.

#### **ACTION 9**

Merrilyn to send a copy of Andrea's paper addressing the Plan of Management to all members.

#### **ACTION 10**

Merrilyn to send copies to Andrea of DHAC's consultation papers.

### **12. Responding To Development Applications**

Discussion in regards to how DHAC respond to development applications. John Bailey indicated that DHAC has grappled with this issue many times in the past. He said that DHAC did not have the resources to deal with individual applications. He suggested that DHAC look at the bigger picture and invite developers to brief DHAC.

### **13. Report From Working Groups**

EMG – no report

ERG

Bob reported that the outstanding item on the action sheet re: distribution of the ERG report will be dealt with in the New Year.

He made the following comments as follow up from the previous meeting and response to Lyn Allen's update on the Water Quality Protection Plan:

1. Input of marine material into the harbour: 60% is from offshore;
2. Need a close look at land management issues;
3. Need to focus \$\$\$ spent on water quality monitoring on species of nutrients not totals. Totals are not meaningful.
4. The ecosystem model needs more work to calculate impacts of a 200,000 population. It is currently too coarse and can not be used in its current form for this predication.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**John Bailey asked the group if they wished to hear a presentation by Leonard Lynch who is the managing director of Clouston Associates. He would be available to provide information in regards to catchment management in Sydney Harbour which may have some parallels with DHAC.**

**Action 11**

Merrilyn to invite Leonard to the next DHAC meeting.

Duncan tabled his report on the Rivers Symposium and John Bailey provided some hard copy materials which can be made available to members through Merrilyn.

**14 NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2006

9am – 12.30 Meeting room 1 DCC.

**DARWIN HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ACTION SHEET**

MEETING 17 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

<b>Agenda Number</b>	<b>Agenda Item Title</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Status</b>
6	Management Plan Review.	Action 1 Merrilyn to arrange for Michael Lawton and P&W to present information on the Larrakeyah outfall at the next meeting.	MB	By 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
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8	Indigenous Working Group Proposal	Action 4: DHAC to send a letter to the Minister with background information on the difficulties in maintaining an Indigenous representative. Also to request that she invite an indigenous rep from other organisations beside Larrakia Nation eg NLC	DHAC all	By 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
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10	EIA status Report	Action 8: Write to invite Power & Water to brief DHAC at the next meeting in regards to the dam proposal	MB	By 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
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14	Other Business	Action 11: Merrilyn to invite Leonard to the next DHAC meeting	MB	By 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	