



Northern
Territory
Government

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee **Statement of Expectations**



Alison Anderson Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage

and

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

As at 3 December 2008

1. The Terms of Reference for the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee ('DHAC'), as adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 19 November 2008, note that the Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage ('the Minister') has undertaken to provide DHAC with a Statement of Expectations, detailing key areas of focus for DHAC, as well as additional specific duties. The Terms of Reference also note that the Statement of Expectations will set out the process by which the Minister will assist DHAC in the performance of its functions.
2. This statement may be amended from time to time by the Minister, in consultation with DHAC. Amended statements will be noted in the minutes of DHAC meetings.

Key focus areas for DHAC

3. The key focus areas for DHAC will be those matters set out as 'core functions' in the Terms of Reference.

Additional specific duties for DHAC

4. Identify specific, affordable and readily achievable projects in the Darwin Harbour region that promote biodiversity and/or enhance recreational experiences including, where appropriate, in consultation with Traditional Owners, industry and government.
5. Liaise with local governments and relevant Australian Government agencies in addressing the core functions of DHAC.
6. Develop an understanding of various strategic planning scenarios for the Darwin region that have been developed over time by government agencies and other bodies.
7. Contribute to the various planning processes associated with the Darwin Water Control District
8. Develop an understanding of the Territory's draft Marine Protected Areas Strategy and its implications for the Darwin Harbour region.
9. Contribute to the 'Territory 2030' strategic planning process.



Ministerial assistance to DHAC

10. The Minister, to the extent permitted, undertakes to consult with the Committee on all significant proposed developments covered by the scope and principles of the Strategic Framework for Managing the Darwin Harbour Region.
11. The Minister undertakes to actively encourage all Ministers in the Northern Territory Government to incorporate the Strategic Framework for Managing the Darwin Harbour Region into relevant decisions and departmental processes.
12. The Minister undertakes to actively encourage all relevant agencies to report on their performance against the Strategic Framework through DHAC and to provide DHAC with the opportunity to comment on that performance.
13. The Minister undertakes to sponsor a protocol that will facilitate DHAC providing formal advice to Government and receiving timely and transparent responses.
14. The Minister undertakes to respect the independent nature of DHAC and to encourage the frank, open and honest expression of opinion by DHAC.

Review of Statement

15. This Statement of Expectations will be reviewed on an annual basis, unless otherwise determined by the Minister or requested by DHAC.

Statement ends