Territorians Invited To Have Their Say On Darwin Harbour

Territorians are being encouraged to comment on the draft *Darwin Harbour Regional Management Strategic Framework 2009-2013*, which has been publicly released today.

The framework has been developed by the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee, and presents principles and guidelines for the management of environmental, social, cultural and economic values and uses of Darwin Harbour and its catchments.

Environment Minister Alison Anderson said any interested Territorians should take this opportunity to have their say about the future direction of Darwin Harbour.

“We’re privileged in the Territory that we can boast a place of such natural beauty as Darwin Harbour, and we must ensure that its functional uses are not to the detriment of its appeal. We must make sure that any activity enhances its value,” Ms Anderson said.

“All of us from the Government, community and industry sectors need to work together to safeguard this area for the enjoyment and use of all Territorians, and the generations that will follow us.”

Ms Anderson praised the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee for their efforts in developing the framework.

“This committee is comprised of people who have a high level of knowledge and a strong interest in how our harbour is managed, and they have produced a very thorough framework for consideration,” Ms Anderson said.

The draft strategic framework will be available to view online, and written submissions must be received by May 15, 2009.

To view the draft framework, go to [www.harbourplan.nt.gov.au](http://www.harbourplan.nt.gov.au)

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