PowerWater should immediately release the findings of a tidal survey done to determine projected discharge flows from the Larrakeyah outfall.

Shadow Environment Minister, Peter Chandler, said reports that pink dye had washed ashore as part of testing tidal movements from the longer outfall need to be clarified.

"PowerWater should release the study’s findings immediately," Mr Chandler said.

"I agree with the sentiments of Darwin Lord Mayor, Graham Sawyer, that if it’s good enough for PowerWater to tell media the study’s taking place, then it’s reasonable to expect the results are immediately released to the public.

"While I acknowledge the reports about the dye flowing to Darwin Harbour are unsubstantiated, it’s up to PowerWater to confirm or deny their veracity.

"The Chief Minister, Paul Henderson and Health Minister, Kon Vatskalis have both denied unacceptably high levels of bacteria that forced the closure of Darwin’s beaches are connected to sewerage discharge in the harbour.

"There attempts to back up this assertion have been flaky at best.

"The question remains – how would they know?

"The Government had to be dragged kicking and screaming to release the results of harbour testing and it appears similarly reluctant to release the findings of the pink dye tests.

"The culture of cover-up continues."

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