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East Arm Wharf Expansion Works EPBC Approval 2010/5304

COMPLIANCE REPORT #4 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

INTRODUCTION

The East Arm Wharf Expansion Works in Darwin Harbour consists of the construction and operation of three separate components:

- A Marine Supply Base (MSB) (completed)
- A multi-user barge ramp facility *(under construction)*; and
- A tug pen and small ships basin- (pre construction).

Work on the construction of the MSB has concluded and the facility is open and operational. The MSB services and supports the existing and future offshore oil and gas exploration and production industries. The MSB is of international standard and capable of supporting the offshore industry in northern Australian waters.

Construction has commenced for the multi user barge ramp facility. Civil works (roads and drainage) commenced on site in September 2015 are at 30% with marine works to begin on 4 January 2016. The dredging is expected to be completed by 23 January with piling operations to begin in early February. The ramp structure is expected to be start in March. The entire construction project is expected to be completed by mid July 2016.

Documentation for the tug pen and small ships basin has commenced with the dredge and dredge spoil placement management plan being approved by the Minister and local approvals gained for dredging to commence. The tug pen and small ships basin is expected to be advertised for tender and works to commence this calendar year.



Figure 1 – Location

PURPOSE OF REPORT

EPBC Approval 2010/5304 Condition 3 requires an annual compliance report to be published by 30 March each year.

This report presents the Northern Territory Government's compliance with the Conditions of Approval and addresses its actions in light of the approval from project commencement to the period ending 31 December 2015. A copy of the approval and subsequent variations is contained in Appendix 1.

Table 1 outlines the Territory's compliance with approval conditions.

Note that the Conditions of Approval refer to the former Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) which is now known as the Department of the Environment (DoE). The following Table will continue to reference the former department name where compliance with the relevant condition was gained during that period.

Item	Action	Previous Comment (MSB Stage)	Current Comment (MUBRF and Tug Pens stage)
1	Within 14 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Notice submitted to SEWPaC 18 May 2012 that preparatory works commenced 30 April 2012. Advice of the commencement followed receipt of NT Development Consent on 22 May 2012 and was provided to SEWPaC 23 May 2012.	No change or update
2	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans or strategy required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Departments web site. The results of audits may also be published through the general media.	Ongoing – accurate records are being maintained	No change or update
3	By 30 March of each year after the commencement of the action, the	On 30 March 2013, the 1 st Annual Compliance Report was uploaded.	This report is the 4 th Compliance Report on the activities. This report covers the

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	person taking the action must	On 28 March 2014, the 2 nd Annual	period from 1 January 2015 to 31
	publish a report on their web site	Compliance Report was uploaded.	December 2015.
	addressing compliance with the	This report covers the period 1	
	conditions of the approval over the	January 2014 to 31 December	
	previous 12 months, including	2014.	
	implementation of any management		
	plans as specified in the conditions.		
	Non-compliance with any of the		
	conditions must be reported to the		
	Department at the same time as the		
	Compliance Report is published.		
	Upon the direction of the Minister,		
	the person taking the action must		
	ensure that an Independent Audit of		
	compliance with the conditions of		
	approval is conducted and a report		
	submitted to the Minister. The	Not applicable. The Minister has not	
4	independent auditor must be	required that an independent audit	No change or update
	approved by the Minister prior to the	be undertaken.	
	commencement of the audit. Audit		
	criteria must be agreed by the		
	Minister and the audit report must		
	address the criteria to the		
	satisfaction of the Minister.		
	If the person taking the action	Approved Plans and strategies –	Approved plans uploaded onto the web
	wishes to carry out an activity	Sediment Sampling and Analysis	site include the dredge management plan
	otherwise than in accordance with	Plan (SSAP); Dredge and Dredge	for the tug and small ships basin and the
5	the plans or strategy as specified in	Spoil Disposal Management Plan	dredging and dredge spoil placement
	the Conditions, the person taking	(DDSPMP); BIMOS (refer Condition	management plan for the multi user barge
	the action must submit to the	8)	ramp facility.
	Department for the Minister's written	During the period 1 January 2014 to	

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	approval a revised version of the plans or strategy. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied plans or strategy in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied plan or strategy unless the revised plans or strategy result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised plans or strategy, the plans or strategy must be implemented in place of the plans or strategy originally approved.	31 December 2014, there has been minimal work undertaken. A site specific SSAP for the Tug Pens was approved and sampling undertaken to inform the revised DDSPMP.	
6	If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened or listed migratory species to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revision to the plans or strategy specified in the conditions and submit the revised plans or strategy for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plans or strategy must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised plans or	Not Applicable – The Minister has not submitted a request for a revised plan.	No change or update

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	strategy, the person taking the		
	action must continue to implement		
	the plans or strategy originally		
	approved, as specified in the		
	conditions.		
	If, at any time after 5 years from the		
	date of this Approval, the Person		
	taking the action has not		
7	substantially commenced the	Work has commenced, so this	
7	action, then the person taking the	condition is no longer applicable.	No change or update
	action must not substantially	C 11	
	commence the action without the		
	written agreement of the Minister		
	Unless otherwise agreed in writing		
	by the Minister, the person taking		
	the action must publish all plans	At time of publishing this report all	
•	and strategies referred in these	approved plans have been	
8	conditions of approval on their	uploaded to the following web site	No change or update
	website. Each plan or strategy must	www.eastarmwharf-eis.nt.gov.au,	
	be published on the website within		
	one month of being approved.		
	The expansion of the East Arm		
	Wharf must be constructed in		
0	accordance with the footprint as	The project is progressing as per	
9	shown at Annexure 1 of this	the approved Annexure 1	No change or update
	approval, subject to the Conditions		
	set out below.		
10	No Blasting Works are to be	No blasting was undertaken during	No change or undete
10	undertaken	the period.	No change or update
11	The person taking the action must	The TAG was appointed 25 March	The Multi User Barge Ramp Project has
	ensure a dredging Technical	2012, prior to the commencement	appointed a TAG to oversee dredging

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	Advisory Group (TAG) is established, prior to and for the duration of dredging operations, to provide advice to the person taking the action on the development, endorsement, implementation and review for adaptive management purposes of the Dredge and Dredge Spoil Placement Management Plan (DDSPMP), referred to at condition 16.	of dredge operations on 2 October 2012.The TAG was utilised for input into the revised DDSPMP for the tug pen dredging operation (yet to begin)	operations.
12	The members of the TAG must include at least three independent scientific experts , with expertise in water quality, migratory birds, and large marine fauna species , and an independent dredging technical advisor. The membership of the TAG must be submitted to the Department for approval in writing prior to the development and submission of the DDSPMP to the Minister for Approval.	The TAG includes independent experts on water quality, turtles, dolphins, migratory birds, water quality and dredging.	The Tag includes Dr Ian Poiner, David Williams, Stephen Garnett, Michael Guinea, Frans Hoogerwerf and Prof Lars Bejdar
13	 The person taking the action must ensure that the TAG undertakes the following: a) provide advice on the design and ongoing review of the DDSPMP, including development and revision of appropriate trigger levels, 	The TAG is providing advice on the range of matters specified in the approval.	The TAG is providing input and advice on a range of dredging matters.

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	 monitoring programs, management actions, interaction with the INPEX LNG Project (EPBC2008/4208) dredging program, and dredge and spoil placement methodology to protect water quality, dolphins, marine turtles, dugongs, migratory birds and their habitat; and b) Provide advice on exceedance of trigger values and changes to dredge practices, through the DDSPMP, as required. 		
14	The person taking the action must provide to the Minister, a copy of all advice and recommendations made by the TAG and an explanation of how this advice and recommendations will be implemented or an explanation of why the person taking the action does not propose to implement certain recommendations. This information must be provided to the Minister within one week of the person taking the action receiving advice from the TAG in respect to Condition 13a) and within 48 hours in respect to condition 13b)	All TAG advices/recommendations have been referred to DoE.	Dredging had not commenced in the timeframe of this report
15	Condition 15 revoked	Not Applicable.	No change or update
16	The person taking the action must submit a DDSPMP to the Minister for approval.	The original DDSPMP was approved on 2 October 2012.	The MUBRF DDSPMP was submitted on March 20 2015

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	The DDSPMP must include the following		
	 a) Monitoring, trigger levels and management actions to ensure that areas outside the zones of high impact, moderate impact and influences as identified in Annexure 2 are not impacted by suspended sediment concentrations. b) Monitoring, trigger levels and management actions which consider the dredging program for the INPEX LNG Project (EBC2008/4208) and areas that may be impacted by both dredging programs; 		
17	 c) Consider the results of the Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan required at Condition 24; d) Management measures, including consideration of avoiding dredging outgoing tides and low tidal heights to minimise impact upon sensitive receptors; e) Management measures, trigger levels, contingency measures, corrective actions, operational procedures and responsible persons to minimise the impacts to 	Complied – refer Condition 16	There was no Capital Dredging undertaken during 2015.
	 marine turtles, dolphins, dugong, sawfishes, migratory birds and their habitat during dredging and dredge spoil placement; f) Ongoing management measures to ensure the existing pond D, as 	The monitoring report for the 2013 calendar year prepared and published in March 2014.	

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	 labelled in Annexure 1, is maintained or enhanced as suitable high tide roosting habitat for migratory birds in perpetuity. i. This must include undertaking at least two summer surveys each year in the existing Pond D, as labelled in Annexure 1, until five years after the cessation of dredge spoil placement at Pond D, to monitor the use of the dredge spoil ponds by migratory birds and the effectiveness of management measures at Pond D. ii. The surveys identified in 17(f)(i) must be compliant with the current <i>Significant impact guidelines for 36 migratory shorebird species policy statement</i>, produced by the Department g) Reporting within one business day to the Minister when injury to, or mortality of EPBC Act listed threatened Species or EPBC Act listed migratory species occurs from dredging or dredge spoil placement activities. h) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish a monitoring program report which shows the monitoring results for the DDSPMP on their website each year for the previous 12 months on 30 March of 	There was no Capital Dredging undertaken associated with the project during 2014. Must note that there was maintenance dredging undertaken on 23 January 2014. A single 8 hour shift. The dredging was to remove loose material that had fallen to the floor after the piles were cleaned. A total of 200m3 of material was removed. Dredging Practical Completion for the MSB was gained on 29 January 2014. A monitoring report for the dredging covering the period was published by 30 March 2015.	

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	each year, from the start of dredging operations until 6 months after dredging operations are completed.		
18	Following receipt of advice from the TAG, the DDSPMP must be submitted for approval by the Minister prior to the commencement of dredging, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Minister.	The Dredge operation commenced immediately following receipt of the Minister's approval of the DDSPMP on 2 October 2012.	The DDSPMP for the MUBRF was approved on 30 April 2015. The DDSPMP for the Tug Pen and small ship basin was approved on 4 December 2015.
19	The DDSPMP must be reviewed and revised upon the advice of the TAG, referred to in Condition 11, to enable continuous improvement and adaptive management of the dredge and spoil placement methodology	The TAG reviews all weekly, monthly and exceedance reports in association with the DDSPMP. Various comments/recommendations have been made and appropriate adaptive management steps implemented. There was limited dredging during the 2014 year. The TAG reviewed information provided.	Dredging is yet to proceed and therefore the TAG has not reviewed operations or the DDSPMP in light of any incidents
20	Any proposed alteration to Monitoring, trigger levels or Management actions must be referred to TAG for advice, referred to at Condition 11, prior to submission to the Minister, in accordance with Condition 5	Complied	Dredging operations are yet to commence
21	The person taking the action must not commence Dredging unless the Minister has approved the	Complied	Dredging operations are yet to commence

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	DDSPMP. If the Minister approves the DDSPMP then the approved DDSPMP must be implemented		
22	The person taking the action must ensure all water flows out from the ponds must be controlled.	Weir boxes and bund walls regulate and control tailwater flows out from the ponds.	Dredging operations are yet to commence
23	The person taking the action must not undertake any overwater maintenance, to limit impacts to listed threatened species or listed migratory species.	No overwater maintenance was undertaken	No overwater maintenance is proposed to be undertaken
24	The person taking the action must submit a Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to determine the status of sediments, including all potential contaminants and acid sulphate soils.	The Tug pen and barge ramp SAP was submitted and approved.	Previous comment is still current
25	The SAP must detail the sampling and testing methodology in accordance with the <i>National</i> <i>Assessment Guidelines for</i> <i>Dredging (2009).</i> The SAP must be submitted for approval by the Minister. If the Minister approves the SAP then the approved SAP must be implemented.	The MSB SAP was approved 9 May 2012, and implemented.	The Tug Pen and small vessel SAP and the Multi-User Barge Ramp SAP were approved on 7 March 2014.
26	The person taking the action must not commence Dredging or Dredge Spoil Placement until the results of the SAP are provided to the Department and incorporated into	SAP provided to SEWPaC 9 May 2012 and incorporated into the WQMP contained in the DDSPMP approved 2 October 2012.	The relevant information was incorporated into the respectively approved DDSPMP's.

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	the Water Quality Management	(MSB Stage)	stage)
	Plan referred to at Condition 27		
27	The person taking the action must submit a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) to the Minister for approval, to minimise the impacts to marine turtles, dolphins, dugongs, sawfish, migratory birds and their habitat during dredging, dredge spoil placement and dewatering	The WQMP forms part of the approved DDSPMP	No change or update
28	 The WQMP must include the following: a) Consideration of the results of the SAP (Condition 24); b) Monitoring program, management triggers, contingency measures, corrective actions and responsible persons to manage impacts to the marine environment from potential contaminants as identified by the SAP at Condition 24, as a result of dredging, dredge spoil placement and dewatering. c) Design methodology and management of the bund walls to ensure appropriate design to prevent water quality impacts by leaching material through the bund wall, decant waters and storm water run-off. 	The WQMP forms part of the approved DDSPMP	Comment is still current.

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29	The WQMP must be submitted for approval by the Minister prior to the Commencement of dredging, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Minister. The approved WQMP must be implemented.	The WQMP forms part of the approved DDSPMP	Comment is still current
30	 The person taking the action must undertake marine piling in the following way: a) Marine piling exclusion zones must be established and implemented so to ensure that marine turtles, Dugongs and dolphins are not exposed to sound exposure levels (SEL) of greater than or equal to 183 dBre 1µ Pa2.s for longer than 5 continuous minutes. The marine piling exclusion zones must consider the range of marinepilingsource energy and the marine piling exclusion zones must not be less than 500 metres from the pile hammer. b) Pre-start-up visual observations: Visual observations for marine turtles, Dugongs and dolphins must be undertaken to the extent of the marine piling exclusion zones for marine turtles, Dugongs and dolphins must be undertaken to the extent of the marine piling exclusion zones by a dedicated and suitably trained 	Marine Piling was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the condition. An independent underwater noise expert (PGM Consulting) was engaged to assess and determine appropriate marine piling exclusion zones in accordance with condition 30. The consultant's recommended exclusion zones were then implemented by the marine piling contractor.	Piling has not commenced on the Multi-User Barge Ramp.

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crew member, for at least 30	(
minutes before the commence	ment	
of marine piling activities.		
c) Operating procedures: While		
marine piling is undertaken,	ne	
following procedures must be		
implemented:		
i. Visual observations		
covering the extent	of the	
marine piling excl		
zones must be		
maintained continu	usly	
to identify if there a	e any	
marine turtles, Dug	ngs	
or dolphins present		
ii. If marine turtles,		
Dugongs or dolphir	sare	
sighted within the n	arine	
piling exclusion z	nes,	
action to cease all		
marine piling with	2	
minutes or soon as	safely	
possible.		
iii. Marine piling activ	ies	
must not recommen	ce	
until marine turtles,		
Dugongs or dolphir	sare	
observed to move		
outside the marine		
exclusion zones of		
minutes have pass	d	

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		since the last sighting.	(
		Soft 'fairy taps' start		
		procedure: Marine		
		piling must be initiated at		
		the soft 'fairy taps' start		
		level and then build up to		
		full operating impact		
		force. The soft 'fairy taps'		
		start procedures may		
		only commence if no		
		marine turtles, Dugongs		
		or dolphins have been		
		sighted within the marine		
		piling exclusion zone		
		during the pre start up		
		visual observations as		
		required by condition 30		
		(b)		
	V.	Marine piling		
		commenced prior to		
		sunset or prior to a		
		period of low visibility		
		can continue between the		
		hours of sunset and		
		sunrise, unless marine		
		piling is suspended for		
		more than 15 minutes or		
		there have been three or		
		more marine turtle,		
		Dugong or dolphin		
		instigated shut-down		

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	situations within the previous 12 hours.	(oldge)
	The person undertaking the action must undertake Piling in the following way: a) Establish a 500m exclusion zone for		
31	 a) Establish a soom exclusion zone for marine turtles, dugongs and dolphins; b) Pre-start visual observations: Visual observations for marine turtles, dugongs and dolphins must be undertaken to the 500m exclusion zone by a dedicated and suitably trained crew member for at least 30 minutes before the commencement of piling activities. c) Operating procedure: While piling is undertaken, the following procedures must be implemented: Visual observations of the 500m exclusion zones from the pile hammer must be maintained continuously to identify if there are any marine turtles, dugongs or dolphins present. ii. If marine turtles, dugongs o dolphins are sighted within the exclusion zone action to cease all piling within 2 minutes or as soon as is safely possible. iii. Piling activities must not recommence until marine turtles, dugongs, dolphins are observed to move out of the exclusion zone 	The piling was undertaken in accordance with the condition.	Piling is proposed to be undertaken as per the current conditions.

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	 or 30 minutes have passed since the last sighting. iv. Soft Fairy Taps start procedures: Piling activities must be initiated at the soft fairy taps start level and then build up to full operating impact force, the soft fairy start procures may only commence if no marine turtles, dugongs or dolphins have been sighted within the exclusion zone during the pre start up visual observations. v. Piling commenced prior to sunset or prior to a period of low visibility can continue between the hours o sunset to sunrise, unless piling has been suspended for more than 15 minutes or there have been three or more marine turtle, dugong, dolphin instigated shut down situations within the previous 12 hours. 		
32	The person taking the action must submit a Biodiversity Impact Mitigation and Offset Strategy [BIMOS] to the Minister for approval. The strategy must address the consequential and residual impacts to EPBC Act listed dolphins, migratory birds, dugongs and marine turtles from the expansion of the East Arm Wharf, including dredging, increases vessel	The BIMOS was approved on 2 October 2012.	No change or update

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1tem	 usage of the area and associated impacts to the species. To address residual impacts to listed and threatened migratory marine species, the BIMOS must include the establishment and operation of a regional indigenous marine rangers program to be operated out of Darwin. The Program should fully fund all costs associated with supporting a minimum of two full time equivalent ranger positions until the marine works are completed. The program should: a) Address threats to listed threatened species and listed migratory species in Darwin Harbour and Surrounds b) Provide harbour surveillance patrols and reporting for vessel speed and vessel interactions with listed threatened species. c) Monitor and handle stranded, injured or dead large marine fauna species. d) Increase community awareness about marine debris. 	Previous Comment (MSB Stage)	Current Comment (MUBRF and Tug Pens stage) No change or update
	e) Assist with the implementation of the education campaign at		
24	Condition 45d). The BIMOS must include a timeline	The PIMOS was approved on 2	
34		The BIMOS was approved on 2	No change or update

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	for submission and implementation of the Migratory Bird Management Plan (MBMP), at Condition 36, the Coastal Offset Plan (COP), at Condition 40, and the Port Environmental Protection Plan (PEPP), at Condition 45.	(MSB Stage) October 2012.	stage)
35	The person taking the action must not commence marine works unless the Minister has approved the BIMOS. If the Minister approves the BIMOS then the approved BIMOS must be implemented.	The BIMOS was implemented with the engagement of the Indigenous Rangers. A report has been loaded onto the website.	No change or update
36	 The person taking the action must submit a Migratory Bird management Plan (MBMP) to the Minister for approval. The MBMP must address the consequential and residual impacts to EPBC Act listed migratory birds from the expansion of East Arm Wharf, including dredge and dredge spoil disposal and the associated impacts to the species. The MBMP must include, but may not be limited to the following: a) Protection and maintenance of the existing Pond D, as identified in Annexure 1, as suitable high tide roosting habitat for migratory birds in perpetuity, Including: i. Restriction of access to public 	A MBMP was submitted in November 2012 and approved on 3 June 2013	No change or update

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	 and animals (dogs); ii. Management and control of feral animals and invasive species within the area to be protected. b) Undertake at least two summer surveys each year compliant with the current Significant impact guidelines for 36 migratory shorebird species policy statement, produced by the Department, in the existing pond sites, including Pond D, until 5 years after the cessation of dredge spoil placement at Pond D to monitor the use of the dredge spoil ponds by the migratory birds and to measure the effectiveness of the management measures at pond D. 		
	 c) Consideration of capturing, banding and marking migratory shorebirds that currently use the East Arm Wharf dredgeSpoil Ponds, to track their response to the expansion works and to monitor the effectiveness of the management measures referred to under section 36a). d) Undertake adaptive Management Measures for 36a), taking into account the surveys completed through Conditions 36b) and 36 c). 		
37	The MBMP must be submitted for approval by the Minister no later than one year from commencement of action	The MBMP plan was submitted to the Commonwealth 27 Nov 2012.	No change or update

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38	The person taking the action must not commence work on the Tug and small vessel berths or barge ramp and hardstand area, as identified in Annexure 1, until the Minister has approved the MBMP.	The MBMP was approved on 3 June 2013	No change or update	
39	If the Minister approves the MBMP then the approved MBMP must be implemented.	The MBMP has been implemented. Latest reports are on the website.	No change or update	
40	The person taking the action must submit a Coastal Offset Plan (COP) to the Minister for approval. The strategy must address the consequential and residual impact to the EPBC Act listed threatened and migratory marine fauna from the expansion of East Arm Wharf, including dredging and increased vessel usage of the area and associated impacts to species.	As of the end of 2014 the CoP was under development. The plan has since been approved at the start of the 2015 year.	The Coastal Offsets Plan is in the process of being implemented.	
41	The COP must include identification of 50 hectares of verified habitat for dolphins and provision for the protection and management of the area in perpetuity.	Plan under development.	50 hectares of habitat has been identified and the NTG is working on the process of protection.	
42	The COP must be submitted for approval by the Minister no later than two years from the commencement of the action.	DoE advised that commencement of preparatory works began on May 18 2012. COP was submitted before May 18 2014.	No change or update	
43	The person undertaking the action must not commence work on the	Preliminary investigations and design work underway. No civil or	The COP has been approved and therefore clears the way for works to commence.	

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	tug and small vessel berths or	preparatory works or alterations to		
	barge ramp and hardstand area, as	site have commenced		
	identified in Annexure 1, unless the			
	Minister has approved the COP.			
	If the Minister approves the COP			
44	then the approved COP must be	Not Applicable.	The COP is being implemented	
	implemented.			
45	 The person taking the action must submit a Port Environment Protection Plan (PEPP) to the Minister for approval. The PEPP must address the consequential and residual impacts of EPBC Act listed threatened and migratory marine fauna from the expansion of East Arm Wharf. The PEPP must be implemented for the life of the project and must include: a. Measures to manage the risk of vessel strike to marine fauna. The must include prescribed maximum commercial vessel speed limits; enforcement of speed limits; monitoring and reporting of vessel strike; and adaptive management measures. b. Measures to increase the response capacity of Darwin Harbour to respond to accidental fuel, oil or chemical spills to address the increased likelihood of a spill as a result of increased vessel usage of the wharf. 	The PEPP was submitted to the Commonwealth on 10 October 2012.	No change or update	

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	7101011	(MSB Stage)	stage)
	 c. Measures that minimise the risk of introduced marine pest species over the life of the project, including ballast water management and vessel inspections for non-domestic vessels. d. An educational campaign for all port personnel including the provision of information that fosters a culture of awareness of the environmental values, including the EPBC Act listed species that may occur within the project area, and the related responsibilities of the port personnel. 		
46	The PEPP must be submitted for approval by the Minister no later than six months from the commencement of the action.	The PEPP was submitted on 10 October 2012.	No change or update
47	The person undertaking the action must not commence work on the Tug and small vessels berths or barge ramp and hardstand area, as identified in Annexure 1, unless the Minister has approved the PEPP.	The revised PEPP was approved on 3 June 2013	No change or update
48	Commercial use of the MSB cannot begin until the Minister has approved the PEPP	The PEPP was approved on 3 June 2013	No change or update
49	If the Minister approves the PEPP then the approved PEPP must be implemented.	The PEPP was implemented when the MSB became operational on 25 June 2014.	No change or update