

Communique

COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The NT Government is developing a Coastal and Marine Management Strategy that will ensure the health and viability of our coast and seas, support their use by Territorians for recreational and cultural purposes, manage growing demand for our natural resources and foster sustainable industry. The strategy will cover the next 10 years, be based on extensive consultation, and is due to be finalised in 2018.

On 7 and 8 June 2017, a Strategy Development Workshop was held in Darwin. The workshop was well attended by representatives from partner organisations that represents land owners, industry and community groups, as well as key NT Government agencies (see table below). The Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, Hon Lauren Moss, opened the workshop.

Partner organisation	NT Government agencies
Amateur Fishermen's Association of the Northern Territory	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
Anindilyakwa Land Council	Environment and Natural Resources
Australian Institute for Marine Science	Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Australian Marine Conservation Society	Primary Industry and Resources
Charles Darwin University	Tourism and Culture
Local Government Association	
Minerals Council of Australia	
Northern Land Council	
Seafood Council	
Territory Natural Resource Management	
Tiwi Land Council	
Tourism Top End	

A team of world-renowned consultants with extensive experience in marine planning facilitated the workshop. The team included Grahame Byron, Dr Sue Sargent and Dr Sue Pillans, who have all worked on the Reef 2050 plan for the Great Barrier Reef as well as numerous other marine plans in Australia and overseas. The team used innovative techniques including producing a graphical summary of the workshop outcomes (attached).

The workshop was very productive and there was a positive collaborative approach with valuable contributions from all participants. During the workshop, the group drafted key elements of the Strategy, including a vision, management principles, long-term objectives and medium term outcomes. The consultant will develop these further over the next month, before further review by the partners and their constituents. The resulting draft Strategy will be considered by the Minister and Cabinet before release for public consultation later in 2017. It is planned to have a final draft Strategy submitted to Cabinet in early 2018.

Infographic summary of Strategy Development Workshop 7-8 June 2017, Darwin

