



Question

Why do we need to look at future ferry sites and infrastructure in Darwin now?

The Northern Territory Government is investigating future ferry services in and around Darwin Harbour to cater for future growth over the next 50 years.

The Darwin Regional Transport Plan identifies ferries as a future mode of transport, subject to demand.

About 130 000 people live in population centres around the greater Darwin region, including Darwin, Palmerston, Southport, Bynoe Harbour and Mandorah. This planning study caters for a population of 250,000 people over the next 40 to 50 years.

The Planning Infrastructure for Future Integrated Ferry Services Study is a long-term planning study and will look at trigger points for future demand for ferry transport over a 50-year period.

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What locations are being considered for future ferry infrastructure?

- Darwin area – Cullen Bay, Fishermen's Wharf, Frances Bay, Dinah Beach Boat Ramp, Kitchener Bay, Stokes Hill Wharf, Fort Hill Wharf, Doctor's Gully, Jervois Road, The Esplanade opposite Knuckey Street
- Darwin Harbour (inside) – Middle Arm Boat Ramp, Elizabeth River Boat Ramp (Palmerston Boat Ramp), Southport Boat Ramp, Mandorah Jetty
- Darwin Harbour (periphery) – Nightcliff Jetty, Lee Point, Gunn Point.

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How is the study assessing the future ferry sites?

The study will assess potential locations for future ferry infrastructure based on a range of criteria to identify priority sites.

The study will look at:

- population growth to support ferry services over 50 years
- economic and tourism potential of ferry service locations
- water depth, land availability, access and prevailing weather conditions
- infrastructure needs including pontoons, jetties, dredging, terminal facilities and parking
- a broad range of ferry users
- links to future strategic transport routes – cycling, pedestrian, road and rail
- community benefits
- environmental sensitivities.

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Who is doing the study on future ferry sites and infrastructure?

The Northern Territory Government has commissioned maritime infrastructure specialists Mott MacDonald to assess several potential locations for future ferry sites and infrastructure based on a range of criteria.

Mott MacDonald has engaged local company True North Strategic Communication to coordinate consultation as part of the study.

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How will my feedback be used?

Your feedback will help identify the most appropriate priority sites for future ferry infrastructure and services so the Northern Territory Government can plan its future transport infrastructure to cater for the long-term growth of the greater Darwin region.

The consultation will help identify the priority sites by gathering feedback on future users, tourism and economic opportunities or developments that may impact on future ferry services and infrastructure.

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When will the future ferry sites identified in the study be developed?

This is a long-term planning study that aims to identify the most appropriate sites to be developed with ferry infrastructure to cater for future growth in the greater Darwin region over the next 50 years.

The study will look at the trigger points for future demand for ferry infrastructure and services over a 50-year period.

Once the priority sites are identified the Northern Territory Government can consider them when planning for future transport infrastructure to cater for population growth and demand for future ferry transport.

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Who will fund development of the ferry sites once they are identified?

This is a long-term planning study to guide the future growth in the greater Darwin region over the next 50 years.

The Northern Territory Government will consider the priority ferry sites when planning for future transport infrastructure to cater for population growth and demand for future ferry transport.

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Will the Mandorah Jetty be upgraded?

The Northern Territory Government commissioned an assessment study of the Mandorah Jetty and boat ramp and will undertake further engineering assessment to confirm the feasibility of the preferred recommendation.

The assessment study and recommended options will inform the Planning Infrastructure for Future Integrated Ferry Services Study.

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Is the Cullen Bay ferry terminal going to be moved?

The Department is undertaking following projects at Cullen Bay:

- Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal Refurbishment
- Car Parking Strategy for the precinct
- Dredging of Cullen Bay Channel.

There are no plans to move the Cullen Bay terminal in the short to medium term.

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Is Elizabeth River Boat Ramp going to be made into a ferry terminal?

The Elizabeth River Boat Ramp is one of the locations that will be assessed as a potential future ferry site as part of this study.

If this is selected as a preferred location, the consultants will look at how these two facilities can co-exist.

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Where can I find out more about this project?

Go to ferryplanning.nt.gov.au to look at the potential locations for future ferry sites and infrastructure and:

- show us where you would catch a ferry on an interactive map (1 – 2 mins)
- fill in a quick survey (2 – 3 mins)
- give us your feedback on each specific sites (4 – 5 mins)
- make a submission.

You can also call (08) 8981 6445 to register your information for project updates and register to come along to a community information session at the Mirambeena Resort at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 15 November 2017.

Community consultation will close on 13 December 2017 and the study is due to be completed by early 2018 and stakeholders will be kept updated throughout this project.

Your feedback will help identify the most appropriate priority sites for future ferry sites and infrastructure to cater for future growth over the next 50 years.

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I don't have access to the internet, how can I give my feedback?

Please call us on (08) 8981 6445 and we can record your feedback so it is included in the study.

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How long do I have to make a submission or provide my feedback?

You have from 1 November 2017 to 13 December 2017 to provide your input.

