

Creation of Dolphin Habitat Reserve

East Arm Wharf

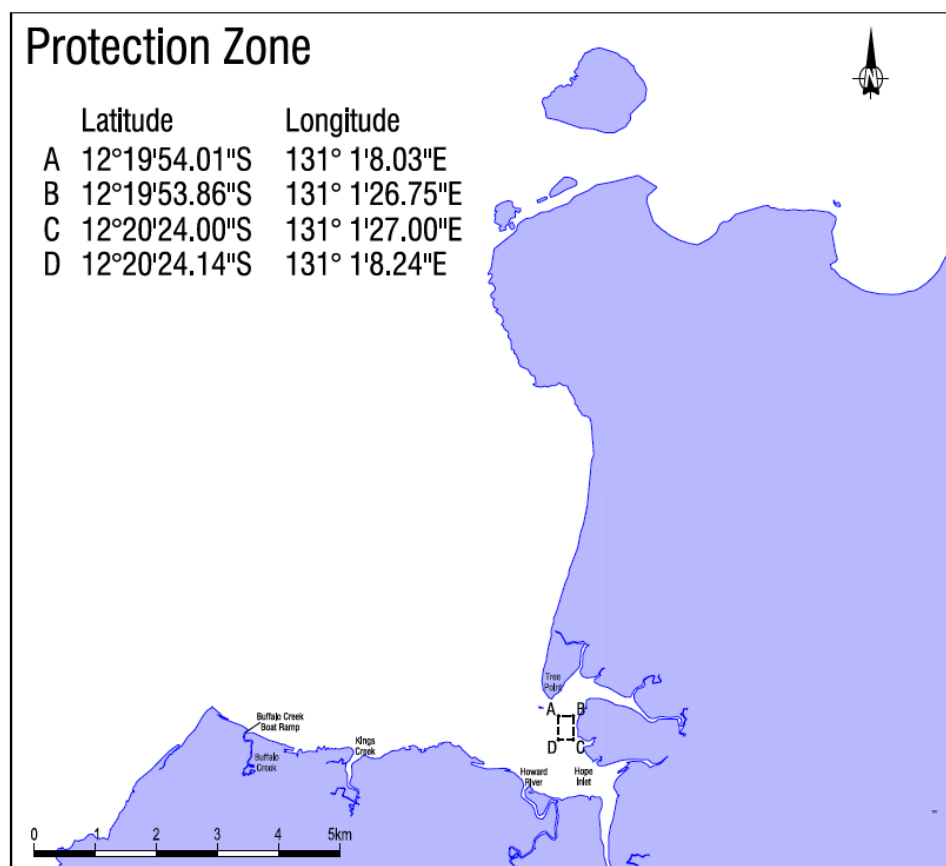
Dear stakeholder,

A reserve for the protection of dolphin habitat has been established in Shoal Bay as part of the environmental offset conditions for the East Arm Wharf expansion. The establishment of a reserve will protect the habitat area from future development within the 50 hectare boundary.

Darwin Harbour is home to three species of coastal dolphin and other marine megafauna that frequent the area including dugongs and four species of marine turtles (Green, Olive Ridley, Hawksbill and Flatback).

Signage has been installed at boat ramps to increase public awareness about marine megafauna in the Top End. Fishing, boating and other recreational activities is not affected or restricted.

For further information, please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on email EAW.reporting@nt.gov.au or visit the website www.eastarmwharf-eis.nt.gov.au.



Signage

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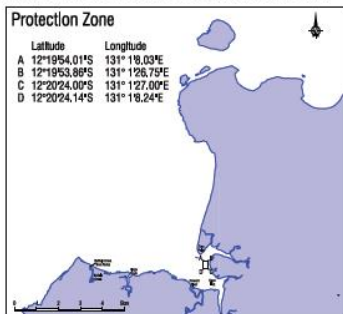
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Four species of marine turtles are found in the Harbour; Green, Olive Ridley, Hawksbill and Flatback. Flatbacks and Olive Ridleys nest on Casuarina Beach and Shoal Bay.

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TOP END MARINE MEGAFUNA



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