



Cullen Bay

50 year Planning for Future Integrated Ferry Services for Darwin Harbour

The Northern Territory Government has completed a study into potential locations for future ferry services in Darwin Harbour over the next 50 years.

In 2016, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics commissioned a study to identify priority integrated ferry terminal sites in and around Darwin Harbour that support future ferry services over the next 50 years.

Community consultation with the general public and stakeholders was a key part of the work to determine priority locations for possible future ferry sites and any potential concerns with those sites. Consultation occurred in two phases with initial stakeholder meetings held in July 2017 and public consultation held from October 2017 to December 2017. The process involved face-to-face meetings, a stakeholder workshop and feedback via online surveys or direct email submissions.

Feedback from this consultation was used to inform the selection and analysis of the priority ferry terminal sites. Consideration was given to future users, tourism and economic opportunities and developments that may impact on ferry services and infrastructure. A total of 27 potential sites were identified in and around the harbour.

What the study looked at?

These 27 potential sites were then assessed against a range of criteria including:

- environmental impact
- land tenure
- accessibility
- infrastructure needs
- connection to transport links
- costs
- barriers
- opportunities and
- population trigger points for future demand for ferry infrastructure and services.

Outcome

The study has recommended four priority sites for future infrastructure planning for integrated ferry services. The four sites include two existing ferry locations and two potential new terminals.

- Mandorah Jetty – existing site
- Cullen Bay – existing site
- Elizabeth River – new site
- Darwin Waterfront – Fort Hill Wharf – new site

What next?

Timing of the eventual development of the new sites will depend on demand generated by tourism, economic and population growth and integration with the road and transport networks.

Thank you to the stakeholders who provided valuable input into this important piece of work.