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Middle Arm Precinct

Newsletter

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This project newsletter is designed to keep you informed and share key information about the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct.

Where we are now

The project is currently in the early stages of master planning, concept design, and strategic environmental assessment.

Progressing the project through the strategic assessment process will ensure the highest level of assessment by undertaking the scientific, stakeholder and regulatory processes required to deliver the project.

Looking forward

Over the coming months, our focus will be:

- Responding to regulator feedback on the preliminary draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Program
- Refinement of master planning and design
- Finalising credits for the Infrastructure Sustainability Council (ISC) planning phase rating assessment.

Future stages of the project will include a process of public and regulator review of the proposal documents.

We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses. You can also read the latest project update online for more information.



Concept image

Environment

The strategic environmental assessment for the Middle Arm Precinct is in progress and we remain committed to ensuring all regulatory requirements are met.

This is the first strategic assessment undertaken for a project in the Northern Territory. Strategic assessment is complex and requires a more comprehensive assessment of the potential cumulative impacts associated with grouped development (i.e. a Precinct). This can result in a longer assessment period than a standalone project.

We received feedback on the preliminary draft EIS from both [Northern Territory](#) (NT) and [Commonwealth](#) regulators. We held a workshop to provide additional context, discuss key comments and directions for updating the proposal documents.



Concept image

The significant work underway is multi-layered and iterative. As project definition and design progress, survey and assessment requirements become clearer, allowing for a more targeted identification of the services necessary to deliver appropriate environmental studies and impact assessments. This adaptive approach ensures that the studies and assessments remain aligned with regulatory expectations and project-specific needs, enabling sustainable development within the NT.

We continue to work collaboratively with both the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Commonwealth regulator to progress the draft EIS documentation for formal submission.

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Engineering

We continue refinement of master planning and design to support environmental approval and Business Case development.

The Stage 3 Business Case remains in development to ensure it meets the rigorous requirements of Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework. [Common user infrastructure at Middle Arm](#) remains on the National Infrastructure Priority List recognising that investment will activate economic growth across Northern Australia and unlock a range of industries operating in the region. We remain committed to delivering a robust and comprehensive submission.

An ongoing focus has been the coordination of activities between potential proponents and the service utilities agency for timing of infrastructure delivery.

Work has continued to deliver the [Infrastructure Sustainability Council](#) (ISC) certification rating, including climate change resilience, resource efficiency, key objectives and reporting targets. This is the first project in NT Government planning for ISC certification.

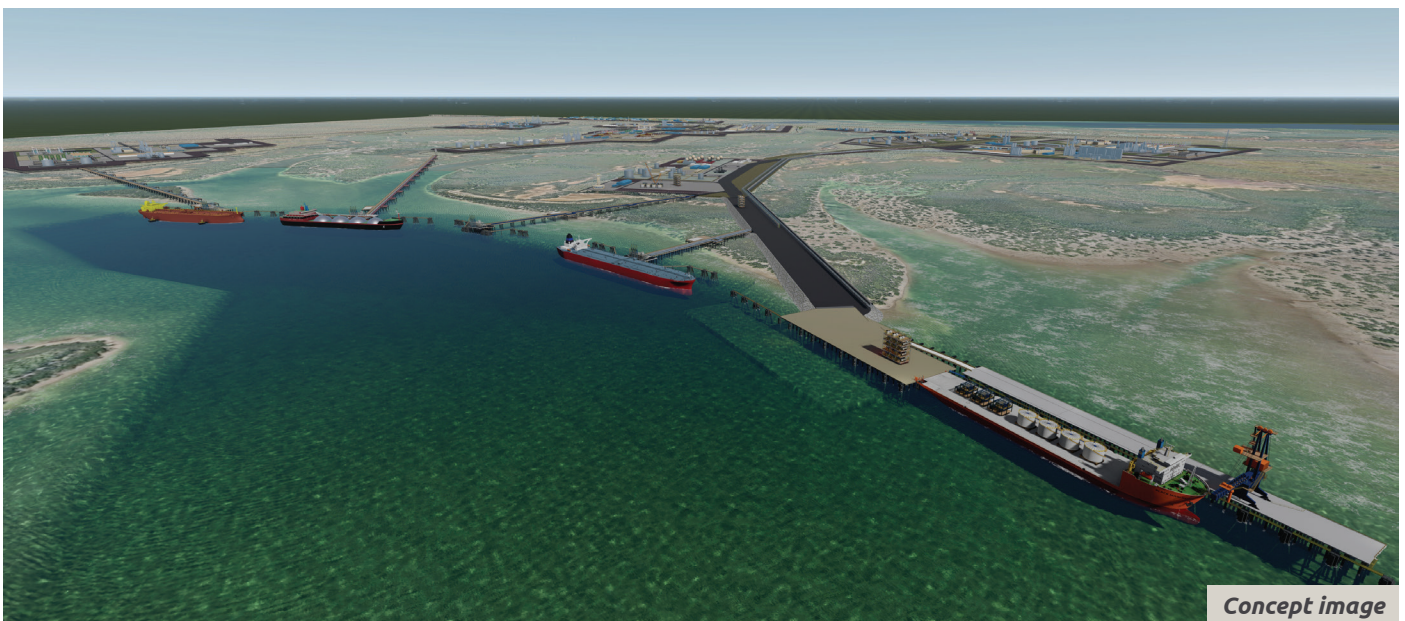
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In this planning stage, engagements have taken place across community stalls, information sessions, meetings, and public forums.

We have heard what the community feel is valuable and we are doing field studies to identify what is in the Strategic Assessment Area or what might occur there in the future.

There will be opportunity to provide further feedback as the project progresses through the [stages of the strategic environmental assessment](#).

Additionally, our team are local and available to meet with interested stakeholders on an ongoing basis. You can also [head over to our website](#) to watch videos answering frequently asked questions and to find out more information about the precinct plans.



Acknowledgement of Country

The Northern Territory Government acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the Greater Darwin region, and their continuing connection to land, waters and communities.

We pay our respects to all First Nations people, cultures and Elders past, present and emerging.

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