

Conclusions and recommendations

The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee and the paragraphs in the report to which they refer are set out below.

A new wharf and improvements to the existing wharf at Darwin Naval Base are necessary to overcome the administrative and occupational health and safety problems resulting from the existing berthing facilities at the Base. (paragraph 26)

Realignment of the boat ramp is appropriate to alleviate safety concerns for landing craft using the ramp. (paragraph 28)

The provision of three additional hardstands is necessary to allow additional craft to be removed from the water for maintenance and safety reasons. (paragraph 32)

Additional fuel storage and reconditioning facilities are needed to facilitate removal from the water of the increased number of vessels to be ported at Darwin Naval Base. (paragraph 36)

An undercover stores receipt and dispatch area will result in a working environment which complies with occupational health and safety principles. (paragraph 39)

The relocation of 36 Water Transport Troop to the main Base complex should result in the logical integration of common supply, stores, maintenance and administrative functions. (paragraph 43)

The Committee is satisfied that environmental and heritage concerns have been adequately addressed by the Department of Defence. (paragraph 57)

The Department of Defence should continue to consult with Darwin City Council and local residents in relation to alleviating excessive traffic noise related to the operations of the Base. (paragraph 65)

The Department of Defence, in consultation with Darwin City Council and local residents, should consider existing guidelines governing the level of noise permitted from construction activities, and particularly those carried out outside normal working hours and on weekends. Ability to comply with these guidelines should form part of the tender documentation prepared by prospective contractors. (paragraph 66)

The Committee is satisfied that the Department of Defence undertakes suitable safety precautions and measures in relation to the transportation of ordnance. (paragraph 71)

The Committee recommends the redevelopment of Darwin Naval Base at an out turn cost of \$12.4 million. (paragraph 81)

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