



Media Release

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Arafura Harbour East Point Marina

Darwin City Council, at its Second Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 March, granted 'in principle' support for a proposed development concept for the Arafura Harbour East Point Marina subject to a range of conditions.

Council's decision is as follows:

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0047 entitled, Proposed East Point - Coconut Grove Development, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Lord Mayor write to Even Lynne and Hans Vos, the proponents of the Arafura Harbour East Point Marina Development, expressing Darwin City Council's "in principle" support for the development concept as presented to Council's confidential meeting on 17 March 2009, subject to:
 - i) public consultation;
 - ii) a rigorous process of environmental, cultural, heritage, planning, technical and governance assessment in accordance with all appropriate probity requirements, including consideration of Council's Land Disposal Policy; and
 - iii) agreement being reached with Council as to all of its planning, services, commercial and tenure requirements.
- C. THAT Council advise Even Lynne and Hans Vos that this early expression of "in principle" support for the concept, is not intended to and will not pre-empt or prejudice any administrative, technical, professional, commercial or other decisions required from Council for the purposes of the proposed development.
- D. THAT this decision be moved into Open.

Mr Sawyer said that Council will be following the progress of this project closely.

“While we’re not giving it a green light, we are suggesting that the concept has potential and requires further assessment”.

“It is important that proper public consultation take place along with a rigorous process of environmental, cultural, heritage, planning, technical and governance assessment.

Mr Sawyer said that if a proposed development of this size and type was to go ahead, it would have a dramatic impact on Darwin and the impact must be fully assessed.

Council is a minority landholder having approximately 16% of the area.

Mr Sawyer said that there are a list of necessary investigations and approvals required for this proposed project, not only from Darwin City Council but also from Northern Territory Government and other agencies.