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Dear Ms Grant

Thank you for your email correspondence of 5 April 2015 to the Darwin Flood Mitigation Committee and NT Environment Protection Authority in relation to the development of Lot 5182 Town of Darwin and development of land in storm surge areas more broadly.

While no long term decision has been made regarding future development of Lot 5182, any development would need to be designed to address storm surge effects and ensure that flooding is not an issue.

I understand that the most recent proposal for this site was deferred by the Development Consent Authority in March 2015 for the applicant to provide further information. Part of the information requested requires the applicant to provide more detail regarding how storm surge impacts will be addressed.

My predecessor also took steps to ensure the appropriate use of Lot 5182 by refusing to consent to a recent application for the unlawful stockpile of fill located at the end of Fitzler Drive and required that the stockpile be removed. My Department is monitoring this situation to ensure compliance, with a 'fill removal and revegetation management plan' required to be developed.

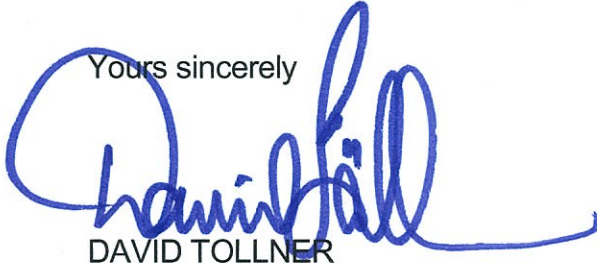
In relation to the broader issues that you raise, Clause 6.14 (Land Subject to Flooding and Storm Surge) of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme limits the types of land uses that may be developed in surge affected areas. As part of any development of surge affected land the purpose of the clause must be taken into account, which is to reduce risk to people, damage to property and costs to the general public.

I encourage your continued involvement in the planning process. I have been advised that you have lodged formal submissions in relation to both the application for a six lot subdivision on Dick Ward Drive, and in relation to the application to stockpile fill in the area on Fitzler Drive behind McDonalds.

In relation to both applications, if you have any additional comments I will ensure that the Darwin Consent Authority accepts these comments and invites you to any future hearings in relation to these matters.

If you have any questions in relation to these issues, please contact Ms Sally Cunningham, Senior Planner, Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment on telephone 8999 6118.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Tollner', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned over the printed name 'DAVID TOLLNER'.

DAVID TOLLNER

7 MAY 2015