

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Development:

**Middle Arm**

**1. What consultation with Traditional Owners has occurred for the Middle Arm Precinct to be developed on that site?**

Consultation commenced in mid-2021 and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) is committed to working closely with Larrakia families through the Cultural Consultative Committee (the Committee) and a Cultural Heritage Working Group to seek knowledge and understanding of the cultural and social values associated with Middle Arm and Darwin Harbour more broadly, as well as economic opportunities associated with Middle Arm.

DIPL has also committed to funding and providing resources for a Larrakia-led Cultural Values Survey of Middle Arm which will inform a Cultural Heritage Management Plan. DIPL has also committed to funding a resource to assist Larrakia with its work and to support its input into the project.

**2. Media articles have mentioned there is an advisory group connected to this proposal. Who is the chair of the group? And how often have they met? What are the Terms of reference for the group?**

The appointment of the Chair of the committee is being decided by the committee, which is working together to formalise the terms of reference for the group.

**3. There are some reports in media stating that the economic viability of Middle Arm is “flawed”. Are you able to provide the NT Government’s business case and modelling for the economic viability of Middle Arm?**

The economic viability of Middle Arm is a crucial consideration in its planning and implementation. The project will provide significant economic benefits and create an estimated 20 000 jobs in the Territory. This investment in enabling infrastructure will stimulate economic activity and foster ongoing prosperity. Moreover, the establishment of the Middle Arm precinct will attract private sector investment, fostering collaboration between

businesses and government entities, further driving economic growth across the Territory.

The Stage 2 Business Case will be submitted to Infrastructure Australia for assessment which will ensure an independent review, providing the NT and Australian Governments with an informed recommendation on the viability and potential benefits of investing in Middle Arm.