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EPA Consults Darwin

The independent Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is calling on Darwin residents to attend a community forum to be held from 3-5pm, this Friday, 26 September at the Darwin Wharf Precinct Function Centre, Stokes Hill Wharf.

EPA Chair, Dr Andrew Tupper, said the community consultation sessions are aimed at hearing views and ideas towards the creation of Ecologically Sustainable Development Principles for the Northern Territory.

The forum will include presentations from a range of interest groups and associations to promote discussions on ecologically sustainable development," Dr Tupper said.

"Last month we held consultation sessions in Alice Springs which was a great way for members of the independent EPA to hear views from Alice Springs residents and members of the business community, and we look forward to hearing what the Darwin community have to say.

"These community consultation sessions provide the public the opportunity to contribute to a discussion paper on developing the Territory's principles of ecologically sustainable development, which once drafted will be taken back to the community for comment.

"Developing these principles will ensure a long-term approach to protecting the environment by building environmental, social and economic considerations into decision-making processes.

By developing overarching principles of sustainability, the EPA, along with business and government will have a benchmark to use in its future work when dealing with sustainability issues on an environmental, social and economic level.

For more information phone 8924 4056 or to participate in the online forum go to www.epa.nt.gov.au

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