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**To:** s22 ; s22  
**Subject:** RE: AUH25-020 Northern Endeavour Transit Update [SEC=OFFICIAL] [Hazardous Waste](#)  
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Thank you s22  
We will make ourselves available.  
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Hi s22  
Thanks for the update.  
We have some changes in schedule and would like to propose the meeting to be held tomorrow, 2pm Singapore time (5pm Australia time) instead.  
Apologise for the changes and noted the agenda below. I will send our teams' invite to you guys instead (since our government laptop are not able to access external teams' link).  
Regards,  
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Good afternoon s22 ,  
I have sent a meeting invite with a draft agenda for tomorrow at 9 am Singapore time. If you would prefer the meeting to come from your end I am happy to remove mine once your invite is circulated. I look forward to catching-up tomorrow.  
Kind regards,

s22

**Assistant Manager**

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That would be very appreciated, thank you



The General Manager of the Northern Endeavour, Shane McWhinney, will also be in Singapore on Tuesday 18 November 2025, and has availability at 2pm Singapore time if you are free to meet with him.

s22

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Hi Colleagues,  
Sending the teams' link below for the discussion of Northern Endeavour vessel tomorrow. Please note the revised timing (i.e. 2pm Singapore time, 5pm Australia time) for the virtual call.  
Re-populate the agenda below for easy reference  
s47C

Thank you.  
Regards,  
s22

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Microsoft Teams meeting  
s47E(d)

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Northern Endeavour [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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FYV – recent media query and response.

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**From:** McWhinney, Shane  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 October 2025 11:01 AM  
**To:** MediaTeam ; s22

**Subject:** RE: Northern Endeavour [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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H s22 thanks for doing that – was going to do it myself. One minor tweak below to clarify we're talking about the FPSO. Approved.

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**Proposed response – from a DISR spokesperson:**

Australian industry has led the works for the Northern Endeavour decommissioning program and there will be ongoing opportunities for Australian industry involvement in the decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour.

FPSO breakdown and recycling work represents only a small fraction of the total work associated with the decommissioning program.

MARS was selected after a global, open and competitive tender process. There are no purpose-built facilities in Australia equipped to recycle a vessel as large and complex as the Northern Endeavour FPSO.

The department did not visit the facilities of any tenderers during the tender process. Tenders were assessed strictly against the evaluation criteria. The MARS facility was only visited after the tender evaluation process was completed and MARS had been selected as the preferred tenderer, to support contract negotiations.

The Northern Endeavour departed the oil fields on 24 September. The Northern Endeavour left the field and entered Singapore with the relevant Basel permit. The Northern Endeavour is securely docked at a Singapore shipyard.

The department has not received advice that a Basel permit was not required in relation to this activity.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/northern-endeavour-disconnected-and-towed-singapore>

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Regards,

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Hi team, some suggestions below. Please tweak and advise when satisfied. Thanks

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Regards,

**Shane McWhinney**

**General Manager, Northern Endeavour Branch**

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Hi team,

As below we've just had a query from the Age on the Northern Endeavour. Hoping you can help with some draft lines?

In general we normally suggest not necessarily answering individual questions but rather offering an overall statement.

Also just noting I'm off now until Friday but s22 will be around tomorrow and Thursday to take forward clearances with the MO etc. we'll let them know about the query in the meantime

Thanks as always

s22

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Hi team,

I'm investigating information I've been given about the fate of the Northern Endeavour.

Hoping you can confirm (or otherwise) the information below, please?

I'll be filing this story this week, so seeking a response by 3pm tomorrow, please.

1: That the Northern Endeavour departed on September 24 or 25, bound ofr Singapore.

2: That the NE did so without a Basem permit.

3: That the Australian government spent some \$1.6m on consultants to advise the department on the decommissioning process, and that part of the advice received was that no Basem permit would be required.

4: That Singaporean authorities are now refusing to allow NE to dock, because there is

no permit in place

5: That two Australian companies bid for the tender to undertake decommissioning, potentially generating hundreds of local jobs, but were not even visited by DISR officials before their bids were rejected.

I'm also seeking comment about claims I've heard (on the record) that at least two Australian companies have been sounded out about helping the government retrospectively secure a Basem permit.

Happy to discuss over a call.

Many thanks,

s22

**From:** s22  
**To:** s22 ; McWhinney, Shane; s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up Q for DCCEEW and DEPA - Basel import permit [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi s22

What timeframes you're working to to obtain the answers to these questions from DCCEEW?  
We expect to have answers from Clayton Utz (liaising with Danish lawyers) over the weekend.

I'd like us to regroup on Monday to revisit our key critical question: **how** and **when** can we obtain an import permit.

Thanks  
s22

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Hi all

Please find the Qs for DCCEEW as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> round of questions for DEPA and NEA

[Regulatory Approvals - Phase 1 - Questions for DCCEEW DEPA NEA DRAFT.docx](#)

If you can make track change edits that would be great

I've started a list of stakeholders to consider as well (which is where I drafted the first set of questions.... Happy to take feedback on this – and/or move it to another template more consistent with what DD uses... not as urgent)

[DEPA stakeholder management.xlsx](#)

Please reach out to **s22** if you can't access either of these (I think he is adding you all now)

Please note I am calling this protected as I have bits in there about what we will need to take to PM&C and DoF if we need an exchange of letters to get more \$ urgently.

Thanks

**s22**

### Enabling Services Senior Manager, Northern Endeavour Branch

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**When:** Friday, 24 October 2025 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Regrouping after Thursday's conversation.

For discussion:

- DCCEEW meeting debrief: Shane<sup>s22</sup>
- MARS debrief: <sup>s22</sup>
- Options mapping and approach: <sup>s22</sup>

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