



# EXERCISE ROEBUCK CHALLENGE

## 2023 WA State Maritime Environmental Emergency Response Exercise

As part of the WA Department of Transport's (DoT) ongoing commitment to meet its obligations as the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for Maritime Environmental Emergencies (MEE) in WA State Waters, DoT will conduct the 2023 WA State Maritime Environmental Emergency Response (MEER) Exercise over the period **16-20 October 2023**.

This year's exercise will be a shipping related incident at the **Port of Broome**. The exercise will be conducted in partnership with the Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA), and also supported by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), Shire of Broome, Australian Marine Oil Spill Company (AMOSOC), Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) and many other organisations.

The 2023 exercise will be conducted over three continuous days in real time, with Incident Day 1 being 17 October 2023. Day 1 will focus on first strike operations within the Port and the establishment of incident management arrangements under the

control of the Port Authority. Days 2-3 will involve mobilisation of State, National and Industry resources in support of the Port Authority and their continued control of the incident with support provided in the Incident Management Team and deployments of Marine, Shoreline and Oiled Wildlife response teams into the field.

Exercise Roebuck Challenge will provide an excellent opportunity for DoT, KPA and DBCA to test their response arrangements as well as an opportunity for other organisations and their people to test vital support arrangements and gain valuable experience in MEER operations.

Further details will be provided in the coming months, however interested individuals are now formally invited to express their interest to participate in the exercise through the following [link](#) by no later than **1 August 2023**.



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## Exercise Roebuck Challenge overview

### Pre-Incident

*Monday 16 October 2023*

- Relevant participants travel to Broome
- Participate in Exercise Brief

### Simulated Incident Day 1

*Tuesday 17 October 2023*

- Incident Notifications
- KPA conduct First Strike Operations in accordance with OSCP
- KPA establish CMT and IMT and take control of incident
- Deployment of Key Agency Representatives to KPA IMT
- DoT establish MEECC
- DoT Commence mobilisation of State and National Resources to Broome
- Local DBCA commence Oiled Wildlife Assessments and Pre-emptive Hazing

### Simulated Incident Day 2

*Wednesday 18 October 2023*

- Continuation of incident management under KPA Control
- Continuation of incident coordination under MEECC
- IMT support resources integrate with KPA IMT
- Simulated ongoing field response actions under KPA control
- DBCA conduct Initial Oiled Wildlife Response
- Arrival and integration of State and National Resources into response
- Conduct of Field Based Marine Response Drills (with AMSA resources)
- Conduct of ISG meeting

### Simulated Incident Day 3

*Thursday 19 October 2023*

- Continuation of incident management under KPA Control and incident coordination under MEECC
- Simulated ongoing field response actions
- DBCA conduct Oiled Wildlife Response and Field Processing Activities
- DoT and AMOSOC facilitate access to Broome Stockpile under National Plan
- Conduct of Field Based Shoreline Clean-up Drills (with DoT resources)
- Conduct of Joint Media Conference
- Exercise Debrief

### Exercise Demobilisation

*Friday 20 October 2023*

- Demobilise equipment
- Relevant participants travel home



All enquiries relating to this exercise should be made to DoT  
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