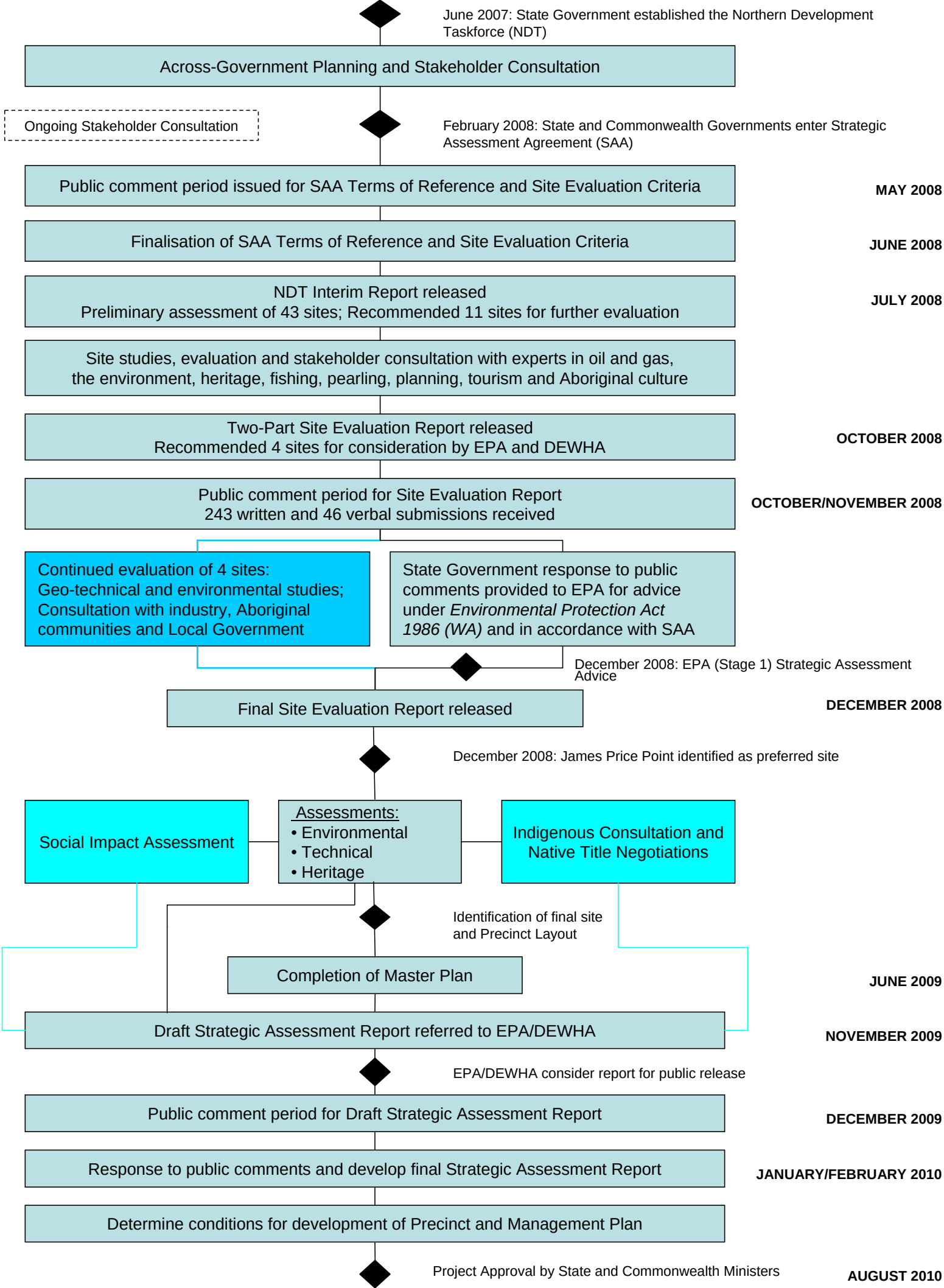
June 2007: State Government established the Northern Development Taskforce (NDT)
Across-Government Planning and Stakeholder Consultation
Ongoing Stakeholder Consultation
February 2008: State and Commonwealth Governments enter Strategic Assessment Agreement (SAA)
Public comment period issued for SAA Terms of Reference and Site Evaluation Criteria
MAY 2008
Finalisation of SAA Terms of Reference and Site Evaluation Criteria
JUNE 2008
NDT Interim Report released
Preliminary assessment of 43 sites; Recommended 11 sites for further evaluation
JULY 2008
Site studies, evaluation and stakeholder consultation with experts in oil and gas, the environment, heritage, fishing, pearling, planning, tourism and Aboriginal culture
Two-Part Site Evaluation Report released
Recommended 4 sites for consideration by EPA and DEWHA
OCTOBER 2008
Public comment period for Site Evaluation Report
243 written and 46 verbal submissions received
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008
Continued evaluation of 4 sites:
Geo-technical and environmental studies;
Consultation with industry, Aboriginal communities and Local Government
State Government response to public comments provided to EPA for advice under Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) and in accordance with SAA
December 2008: EPA (Stage 1) Strategic Assessment Advice
Final Site Evaluation Report released
DECEMBER 2008
December 2008: James Price Point identified as preferred site
Social Impact Assessment
Assessments:
• Environmental
• Technical
• Heritage
Indigenous Consultation and Native Title Negotiations
Identification of final site and Precinct Layout
Completion of Master Plan
JUNE 2009
Draft Strategic Assessment Report referred to EPA/DEWHA
NOVEMBER 2009
EPA/DEWHA consider report for public release
Public comment period for Draft Strategic Assessment Report
DECEMBER 2009
Response to public comments and develop final Strategic Assessment Report
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010
Determine conditions for development of Precinct and Management Plan
Project Approval by State and Commonwealth Ministers
AUGUST 2010