

media release

Community to help plan Darwin Inner Suburbs future

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The Northern Territory Planning Commission is inviting residents, businesses, property owners and developers to contribute to the development of a series of Area Plans for Darwin's inner suburbs including Stuart Park, Parap, Fannie Bay, The Narrows, Woolner, Ludmilla, Bayview and The Gardens.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Nairn, said the Area Plans will ultimately determine land uses, including residential, transport and traffic, infrastructure, services and community in the inner suburbs over the near term (10 years) and the long term (40 to 50 years).

"Land in this part of Darwin is a precious, limited commodity so it's vital to plan for the future, and we are seeking your input into the early development of these plans. The process will take some time, and there will be a number of opportunities for input, discussion and feedback, commencing this Saturday at our Parap Village Market pop-up stall.

"We have prepared some information to help frame this discussion, which is available online and at the stall. We will also be at the Darwin Show from 23 to 25 July.

"There has been much recent discussion about land use, zoning and housing in the Territory, particularly in Darwin. We hope interested people take this opportunity to learn about the planning process and engage with and contribute to the planning process."

In around six weeks' time, Government planners will start to collate this and other relevant information to prepare draft Area Plans, which we anticipate will be available to the public towards the end of this year. Your feedback will again be sought on the draft plans.

Mr Nairn said the Area Planning process could lead to a much needed revitalisation of some areas.

"The inner suburbs are abundant in green space, iconic tropical homes, essential and necessary services, schools and lifestyle and economic opportunities. I really encourage you to tell us your thoughts about your vision for your neighbourhood," Mr Nairn said.

In coming months, Area Planning will also commence for suburbs from Ludmilla to Rapid Creek.

The Northern Territory Planning Commission is an independent, advisory statutory authority tasked with setting the strategic framework for better integrated land use, transport and infrastructure planning, delivering more sustainable and cost-effective outcomes for the community, with sensitivity to environmental and heritage values

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