

# KATHERINE EAST AREA PLAN



The Planning Commission is commencing work on an Area Plan for Katherine East to ensure that the vision expressed in the Katherine Land Use Plan 2014 will be reflected in this plan. Katherine East has been identified as the future suburban growth area of Katherine.

The long term land use planning considers how and where development should occur to maximise investment in infrastructure, use land efficiently, and create enjoyable spaces for people. This is an opportunity to build on the existing Area Plan for Katherine and other previous studies that have focused on shaping the future development of the region having regard to the key physical and social influences of the area.

To assist us in preparing options for the Area Plan a Discussion Paper focusing on significant land use issues for the this location has been prepared for Stage 1 community consultation. We want to hear from you, the land owners, residents and users of Katherine, and discuss how you see the town growing into the future.



## LEGEND

-  Katherine East Study Area
-  Katherine Town Centre

This leaflet gives you some information about the area planning process and how you can become involved in developing a draft Area Plan that will provide a future framework for Katherine East. This stage of consultation will look at broader land use issues facing Katherine and draw in multiple agency expertise on services including, health, education, infrastructure and traffic management.

The Planning Commission encourages you to have your say in this important project by visiting us at one of our pop up stalls, attending the community information sessions or by writing to us at [ntpc@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntpc@nt.gov.au) or visit us at [www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au](http://www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au).

## WHAT IS AN AREA PLAN?

An area plan within the NT Planning Scheme identifies opportunities for land use change within specific areas and provides policy to guide future decision making. Area plans build on the overarching direction provided by the Katherine Land Use Plan and provide a decision making framework to inform future rezoning and development decisions.

The additional guidance from the Area Plan will give certainty and confidence to all stakeholders, including current and future residents, landowners and investors, service providers and government agencies to help plan for the future.

Area Plans DO NOT automatically rezone land. Any applications for rezoning must be made through the Minister responsible for administering the Planning Act.

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

We are currently in Stage 1 of the area planning process outlined below.

### STAGE 1

Information gathering and analysis. Includes community engagement and the assessment of study area character and infrastructure networks to identify options for accommodating growth.

### STAGE 2

Prepare a draft Area Plan in response to initial community feedback and other assessments in Stage 1.

Community engagement on the draft Area Plan.

### STAGE 3

Finalisation of the Area Plan by the NT Planning Commission and formal exhibition of the Area Plan to amend the NT Planning Scheme to include the Area Plan by the Minister.

**Stage 1** is an opportunity for you to participate in the planning process by contributing to the development of a vision to meet the future needs for Katherine East. It is intended that once all three stages have been completed the Area Plan will form part of the NT Planning Scheme.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Your thoughts, comments, questions and feedback in Stage 1 will help us to develop options for a draft Area Plan for further consideration in subsequent stages.

Check the NT Planning Commission website to view the discussion paper, find even details and have your say on the future of Katherine East.

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