

CENTRAL ALICE SPRINGS AREA PLAN

DISCUSSION PAPER

The NT Planning Commission is updating the now 20 year old Area Plans (below) to ensure the Central Alice Springs Area Plan aligns with recent amendments to the NT Planning Scheme to include the Alice Springs Regional Land Use Plan, design guidelines, and to allow eight storey buildings in the CBD. The updated Area Plan will align with the strategic direction of these amendments to communicate a clear vision for the future.

Alice Springs is the largest urban centre outside of Darwin and Palmerston. It is a place rich in natural and cultural heritage, operating as a major economic hub servicing the southern region of the Northern Territory as well as remote areas of South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

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. A Central Alice Springs Area Plan will help to build on a vision for a vibrant inland capital.

This project is an opportunity to build on the existing Area Plan, the Alice Springs Regional Land Use Plan and other previous studies and consultations that have focused on shaping future development of the region having regard to the key physical and social influences.

This leaflet gives you some information about the Area Planning process.

An online discussion paper (and printable version) is available at www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au. It gives you more detailed information about what we understand from previous studies and projects, and what needs to be thought about when creating an area plan.

The Planning Commission encourages you to have your say in this important project and looks forward to hearing from you over the coming weeks.

All feedback from this stage of consultation will help us develop a draft Area Plan for further consultation.



The current Area Plans being reviewed

WHAT IS AN AREA PLAN?

Area Plans are land use and development policies within the Northern Territory Planning Scheme. They establish a long term vision and usually contain maps, planning principles and objectives to give the community, industry, and decision-makers understanding and confidence about future land uses.

Area Plans build on the overarching direction provided by the Alice Springs Regional Land Use Plan (ASRLUP) and are informed by population

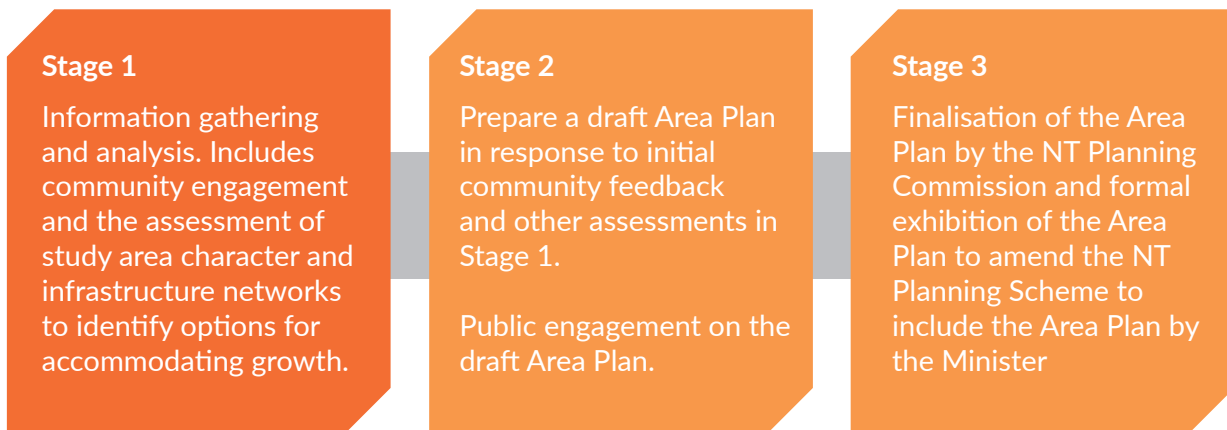
and infrastructure studies. Community input is essential to developing an Area Plan.

Area planning also provides an opportunity for authorities like Power and Water Corporation and local councils to plan for future infrastructure services such as power, water and sewerage.

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 is an opportunity to be involved and have your say through information sessions, talking with planners, completing a survey, or making a submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission.

Visit the Planning Commission website for details www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

Your thoughts, comments, questions and feedback now will help us to prepare a draft Central Alice Springs Area Plan. The draft will be subject to further consultation during Stage 2.

You can also come and say hello to us and find out more about the project at our pop up information stalls and community information sessions being held across the Alice in October.

On our website you will find:

- dates, times and locations of our events
- how you can get involved
- online discussion paper
- printable discussion paper
- more information about this project

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