

CENTRAL DARWIN AREA PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Northern Territory Planning Commission has started work to create an Area Plan for Darwin city and surrounding areas. The project is being referred to as the Central Darwin Area Plan.

Darwin is significant as the capital of the Northern Territory. Central Darwin contains many places important for the Northern Territory as a whole and for the growing inner city population and workforce.

The Central Darwin Area Plan will guide land use and development that strengthens Central Darwin as the heart of a vibrant, functional, and attractive capital.

This project is an opportunity to bring together and build on previous studies, projects and consultation, including the Darwin City Centre Master Plan, that have focused on shaping a vibrant city centre.

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

A more detailed discussion paper is available at www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au. The discussion paper outlines 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.



Central Darwin Area Plan study area.

Note: While Larrakeyah Barracks is within the project area, the area is outside Northern Territory planning control. For this project, the Barracks is considered as an area of influence.

WHAT IS AN AREA PLAN?

Area Plans are land use and development policies within the Northern Territory Planning Scheme. These plans contain planning principles and objectives to give the community, industry, and decision-makers a degree of confidence and understanding about potential land uses.

Area Plans in the Darwin region build on the overarching direction provided by the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan. Planning is informed by population and infrastructure studies with stakeholder and community feedback being a key influence.

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

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.

Public engagement on the draft Area Plan.

Stage 3

Finalisation and formal exhibition of the Area Plan as a proposal to amend the NT Planning Scheme.

Stage 1 is an opportunity to be involved and have your say through information stalls, 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 TO GET INVOLVED

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

Come and say hello to us and find out more about the project at our pop-up information stalls.

You can find information about these events, along with the discussion paper, on our website www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au