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# **Have your say on planning in the Alice Springs CBD**

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The Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC) has announced a review of the current planning controls in the Alice Springs Central Business District (CBD), including building heights, streetscapes, design quality, shopfronts and public spaces.

NTPC Chairman Gary Nairn says the purpose of the review is to provide a clear direction to developers, planners, architects, commercial enterprises and the community for the future sustainable development of the Alice Springs town centre.

“Studies have identified that a revitalisation of the CBD is critical to the economic development of Alice Springs.

“The Planning Commission has developed a Discussion Paper and Draft Built Form Guidelines for public comment and review. Alice Springs Town Council has also contributed to the Discussion Paper with an option for proposed building heights

“With community input, we envisage this review could be completed by early 2015. The Commission will then request the Minister to consider introducing initiatives into the NT Planning Scheme, which would require an exhibition period of 28 days for the community to provide further comment.

“I’m delighted to announce the Planning Commission will host a series of workshops on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December to hear views of the community. The feedback received at the workshops, and from the broader Alice Springs community during the exhibition period, will help refine the Built Form Guidelines for possible inclusion in the NT Planning Scheme.

“As well, a public display will be held on Saturday 29 November and 6 December for members of the Alice Springs community to drop by and provide feedback on the project.

“The Discussion Paper and draft Built Form Guidelines will be open for comment until 17<sup>th</sup> December.

“We want to work closely with stakeholders and the community to identify issues and develop realistic and workable options to inform a future amendment to the NT Planning Scheme.

The Discussion Paper and Draft Built Form Guidelines can be found on the NTPC website at [www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au](http://www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au) and submissions can be made at <http://www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au/alice-springs-cbd-review>

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