

HOLTZE TO ELIZABETH RIVER

Subregional Land Use Plan

STAGE TWO CONSULTATION SNAPSHOT

Stage two consultation for the Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land Use Plan has concluded, and the Northern Territory Planning Commission thanks the community for their engagement with the initiative.

The Planning Commission released the first draft of the Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land Use Plan in October 2021, for a second stage of community consultation.

This second stage of consultation involved engagement with the wider community, key stakeholders, service authorities, industry, and community groups. This stage of engagement was intended to seek feedback to help the Planning Commission refine the first draft subregional land use plan for the area shown in Figure 1 below.

A subregional plan for this area is an important part of planning for the future, ensuring that future growth can be accommodated and efficiently delivered when required.

The draft subregional plan responded to both the built and natural environments as well as stakeholder and community feedback received from stage one consultation.



The draft Subregional Plan presented for feedback as part of stage two of consultation identified:

- infrastructure to support the projected increase in population including areas earmarked for residential and rural living opportunities
- strategic corridors for main roads, rail and utilities
- opportunities to protect the environmental and recreational values of the region, including the pine forest at Howard Springs North, and
- potential options for future rail networks and Darwin Passenger Rail Terminal.

The valuable feedback from the community received during stage two consultation, along with technical assessments will be considered as the Planning Commission continues to develop the Subregional Land Use Plan.

LEGEND
Study Area Boundary
Focus Area Boundary

Figure 1 - Boundary of the HESLUP Study Area.



657
visits to the Have
Your Say website



801
Social Media
Engagement



4
public events including
pop-up information stalls



25
Written submissions
received



28
online surveys and
drop a pin map
contributions



7
newspaper and
media articles

**Correct at time of publication.*

What we heard... Some of the things we heard from the community throughout stage two consultation were:

- recognition of the need and support for far-term planning
- support for some land use change and continued investigation into possible land use change in the 11 Mile area
- a desire to minimise potential impacts of development on the natural environment
- suggestions for future development to remain on the south side of the Stuart Highway
- suggestions the Holtze Kowandi area be shown as rural residential, with urban development restricted to areas surrounding the Palmerston Regional Hospital, and
- support for continuation of rural lifestyle lots in the Virginia South-West locality.

Next steps

Feedback from stage two will now be considered by the Planning Commission to refine the draft Subregional Land Use Plan for Holtze to Elizabeth River.

The Planning Commission will then recommend the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics consider exhibition of the draft Subregional Land Use Plan to include it in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme. This will involve further opportunity for the community to provide feedback.



Images: Freds Pass Market and Coolalinga Shopping Centre - Community Consultation.