Public Comment Sought On New Heritage Legislation

Heritage Minister Karl Hampton today invited Territorians to comment on the Territory Government’s proposed new heritage legislation.

“The Territory has a rich and diverse heritage that shapes our unique identity as Territorians and this Government is proud of what it has done to protect this since 2001,” Mr Hampton said.

“Since 2001 we have added 90 new heritage places to the NT Heritage Register such as the WWII Straus Airstrip near Noonamah, Alice Springs Telegraph Station, the wreck of the Booya in Darwin Harbour, the Gurindji Wave Hill Walk Off Route and the Sandfly steam locomotive as a heritage object.

“This Government has led by example by committing $1 million per year to the repair and maintenance of Government-owned heritage assets.

“We also continue to support the conservation of heritage places in private hands through the Heritage Incentives Program, including direct funding of $200,000 per year.

“The Government is now reviewing the Act in order to provide the best possible framework for heritage management in the Territory into the future and I urge Territorians to have their say.

“The new legislation proposes to further protect our unique and cultural heritage in several ways including the introduction of ‘serial listing’ for certain classes of places, improved appeal rights, increased penalties for destroying or damaging listed heritage places and better processes for carrying out work to heritage places.”

An information session will be held at the Alice Springs Town Council’s Andy McNeil Room on Monday 15 February from 5pm to 6pm.

An information session in Darwin will be held at Brown’s Mart on Wednesday 17 February from 5pm to 6pm.

Online submissions are welcome and further information is available at www.nt.gov.au/consult. Written submissions can be sent to:

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