University Residential Development Plans Out For Comment

Planning Minister Gerry McCarthy has approved public exhibition of Charles Darwin University’s residential development plan that will deliver up to 750 more homes in Palmerston.

The exhibition includes an application to rezone 89 hectares of CDU land from Zone Community Purposes to a Specific Use Zone to make way for the multimillion dollar development.

“The Territory Government is releasing land for residential development five times faster than ever before and it’s great to see CDU entering this space,” Mr McCarthy said.

“CDU in partnership with CIC Australia and Larrakia Development Corporation plan to develop part of its Palmerston Campus into mixed residential housing that complements the Territory Government’s development of four new suburbs in Palmerston.

“This is a very exciting time for Palmerston residents and young Territory families as more land for residential development is being delivered to support our strong population and economic growth.

“Palmerston is becoming the city of choice for Territory families and with new schools recently opening and work underway on new sports facilities, there has never been a better time to be living in this growing city.

“This new development proposal includes a retirement village, buffers to existing residents, affordable housing options and will help university students live closer to the Palmerston campus where there are Vocational Education Training courses such as tourism, hospitality and beauty therapy.”

Mr McCarthy said CDU’s planned development of “University Village, Durack” will be on exhibition at www.nt.gov.au/lands until 4 March 2011.

“I encourage Territorians to view the Plan at the website and provide input if they have any thoughts or concerns about the Plan or rezoning application,” Mr McCarthy said.