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Joint Management for Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Karl Hampton today announced the Chamber’s Pillar Historical Reserve Joint Management Plan is now legislation under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act.

“I am pleased to announce today the gazettal of the Joint Management Plan for Chamber’s Pillar Historical Reserve,” Mr Hampton said.

“Chamber’s Pillar Historical Reserve is a place of huge cultural and historical importance, attracting thousands of people each year.

“As well as being steeped in European history, Chamber’s Pillar is a living cultural landscape, where traditional owners maintain strong connections to their country through three important sacred sites.”

Located 162km south of Alice Springs, the park is well known for the striking sandstone feature named by Stuart during his travels through the centre in the 1860s and engravings from early explorers.

The Reserve is listed under Schedule 1 of the Parks and Reserves (Framework for Future) Act 2003 and was transferred as Aboriginal freehold title to the traditional owners on 12 June 2009.

The Chamber’s Pillar Historical Reserve Joint Management Plan was finalised following public comment on the draft plan in 2009 and was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in 20 October 2010.

“The finalised joint management plan recognises Traditional Owners’ connection to country under both Territory and traditional law, while identifying meaningful ways for Traditional Owners to be involved in the Reserve’s management,” Mr Hampton said.

“Joint management of the Chamber’s Pillar Historical Reserve will focus on:

• Protecting and interpreting the cultural, historical and natural values
• Providing Traditional Owners with opportunities to work on country
• Preserving the natural, remote and tranquil character of the Reserve
• Enhancing the visitor experience through improved facilities and camping

“The Territory’s rich cultural history is world famous, and the NT Government’s commitment to joint management enhances the experience for tourists while creating indigenous employment opportunities on country.”

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