Media Release

Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

**Glass ban making our most popular parks safer for everyone**

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Glass will be banned in 15 of the Northern Territory’s most visited waterholes from July 1.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said this new by-law will protect visitor safety, particularly around the edge of the water.

“I’ve received a lot of feedback from the public that glass was a concern around our most popular swimming holes,” Mrs Price said.

“This feedback, along with the success of glass bans introduced to Litchfield National Park last year, has led to the expansion of glass bans across our most visited waterholes.

“We want Territorians and visitors to our parks and reserves to be able to enjoy themselves safely without the risk of injury by broken glass.

“This is about being sensible and ensuring our beautiful waterholes remain family friendly and is in line with common pool safety rules of no glass near the water’s edge.

“Plastic bottles will still be allowed, but please remember to dispose of your rubbish appropriately.

“Signs at each of the designated waterholes will inform visitors of the restricted areas, with Rangers conducting regular patrols to remind people of the new rules.

“These sites were chosen as they are popular destinations and have either had reports of injuries from glass or there was a concern of future injury.

“Territorians love the great outdoors and should be able to visit parks and reserves and have a safe and enjoyable experience.”

From 1 July 2015, glass bans within waterholes will be introduced at the following parks and reserves under by-law 24AA of the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation bylaws:

**Darwin Region:**

- Berry Springs Nature Park
• Howard Springs Nature Park

**Katherine Region:**

- Nitmiluk National Park
  - Leliyn (Edith) Falls

- Elsey National Park
  - Mataranka Thermal Pools and Bitter Springs

**Alice Springs Region:**

- West MacDonnell National Park:
  - Ormiston Gorge Waterhole
  - Ellery Creek Waterhole,
  - Glen Helen Waterhole
  - Two Mile Waterhole
  - Birthday Waterhole

- Owen Springs Reserve
  - Redbank Waterhole

- Alice Springs Telegraph Station
  - Wigley Waterhole

- Trephina Gorge Nature Park
  - John Hayes Rockhole

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