Territorians Invited to Comment on Coolalinga Housing Plan

Lands and Planning Minister Gerry McCarthy today invited Territorians to provide comment on a proposal to build more homes in Darwin’s rural area.

Mr McCarthy said Gwelo Investments Pty Ltd’s proposal to rezone 19 hectares of land for residential development is near an approved commercial development at Coolalinga.

The rezoning proposal will go on public display for four weeks from this Friday.

“Getting more Territorians into their own home sooner is a key priority of this Government’s Housing the Territory initiative,” Mr McCarthy said.

“That’s why I invite Territorians to comment on this proposal to build more homes at Coolalinga near shops, schools, public transport and other amenities.

“The proposal could yield in the order of 150 new dwellings which will be located close to three major and 60 specialty shops that are set for construction commencement later this year.

“A development permit to build restaurants, offices and a seven storey office building was also approved in December last year which will also support construction jobs and long term employment opportunities.

“People will have four weeks to comment on the Coolalinga North proposal and anyone who provides a comment will be invited to a public meeting of the Development Consent Authority.”

The notional subdivision concepts are to produce:

- Single dwelling residential sites;
- Duplex/multiple dwelling residential sites where there would be a choice of building a single dwelling or duplex unit;
- Sites capable of multiple dwellings similar to the existing multiple dwellings adjacent to the Humpty Doo Shopping Village; and
- Medium density sites adjoining the new retail centre.

Mr McCarthy said key factors he would take into consideration when deciding whether or not to approve the rezoning application include impacts on traffic, residents, other land users and the environment, and public opinion.

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