Planning for Katherine’s Future

Work is underway on an eight-point Action Plan for the future development of Katherine, Planning Minister, Gerry McCarthy, announced today.

The Katherine Action Plan was developed following extensive community consultation and the Katherine Planning for the Future Forum held in November 2008.

“The forum held in partnership with Katherine Town Council and Mayor, Anne Shepherd, gave residents the opportunity to outline how they wanted their town to develop,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Topics raised at the forum, including land release, beautification of the main street, cultural developments, and traffic control, were carefully assessed and work is already underway to deliver on the Katherine Action Plan.”

The eight-point plan includes:

- Exhibiting an amendment to the Katherine Land Use Framework Plan and Principles in the NT Planning Scheme;
- Release of residential land;
- Issues around rural residential living and agriculture;
- Potential Main Street amendments.

“Upgrades costing nearly $200 000 have been completed along the town’s main street,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The sod has been turned for Stage One of the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct with the NT Government committing $4 million to the project.

“Construction on the 39-lot subdivision Katherine East will help meet the demand for housing for Katherine families, and Government will continue to assess land for further development.

“The Katherine Action Plan sets out a roadmap for the development of the town’s infrastructure and services, and there is more to do.

“I look forward to continuing to work with the Katherine Town Council and community as we plan for Katherine’s future.”

Mr McCarthy said the Action Plan was part of the Henderson Government’s Territory 2030 strategy to develop Katherine as a regional hub for the Top End focusing on tourism, transport, agriculture, mining and government services.

Go to www.futurekatherine.nt.gov.au for more information.

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