Master Planning For Zuccoli – Palmerston’s Newest Suburb

A leading international urban design company has been appointed to research and draft a master plan for the new Palmerston suburb of Zuccoli.

Planning Minister Gerry McCarthy said Urbis Pty Ltd has worked on high profile developments nationally and internationally, many of which are relevant to the planning of Zuccoli.

“Residential developments are not just about building homes but are also about creating urban environments that support the needs of residents,” Mr McCarthy said.

“This includes providing open spaces, community facilities, energy efficiency and homes designed for our tropical lifestyle and based on their track record I am looking forward to seeing the Zuccoli draft master plan later next month.

“Zuccoli is one of four new suburbs in Palmerston to be developed by the Territory Government to provide homes for 15,000 Territorians and Stage One will be built by the Land Development Corporation (LDC) and a joint venture partner from the private sector.

“Urbis will provide Government with valuable planning advice and recommendations so that Zuccoli is designed to support future growth and is sustainable and satisfies the lifestyle needs of future residents.”

Recent Urbis Pty Ltd projects include the revitalisation of the Newcastle CBD, the design of the Toowoomba city centre and the development of concept and strategy plans for the Kununurra region and town centre.

Department of Lands and Planning Chief Executive David Ritchie said master planning new suburbs means there is early engagement with key stakeholders.

Mr Ritchie said Urbis Pty Ltd was selected because of its outstanding track record working on similar projects in regional cities in Western Australia and Queensland, extensive resources and commitment to utilising local Territory expertise.

“Palmerston City Council and major service providers such as PowerWater and Telstra are engaged in the development of Zuccoli and will have the opportunity to provide input into the draft master plan so residents have the amenities and services they need for the long term.

“The Department is working with the LDC on developing Zuccoli Stage One and we are currently seeking expressions of interest for a Joint Venture company or consortia from the private sector,” Mr Ritchie said.

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