The Territory Government today reiterated its commitment to the development of a swimming pool for the residents of Darwin’s rural area.

Acting Local Government Minister, Gerry McCarthy said that the chosen site of Freds Pass Reserve was knocked back by the Litchfield Council and the Freds Pass Board in November as not being a suitable site to construct the Litchfield swimming pool.

“Litchfield residents in the Darwin rural area deserve a recreational and leisure facility that could be enjoyed by adults, children and family groups all year round,” said Minister McCarthy.

“The Government has been working hard to bring this project to fruition, and we are now working to identify a suitable alternative site for what would become a valuable community asset.

“The longer this process takes the longer the local community is missing out on a recreational facility.

“The Government sought community feedback on this matter including scoping studies by the YMCA and residents were invited to have their say on the two potential locations for a recreation hub at two proposed sites – Taminmin College at Humpty Doo and Freds Pass Reserve.

“During this process it was identified that the Freds Pass Reserve site offered more community benefit, and became the preferred option.

“Between May and August this year key stakeholders, including Litchfield Council and Freds Pass Board, were consulted on the Freds Pass site but support for this proposal was withdrawn in November.

“Despite this, the Territory Government is continuing to work towards constructing a swimming pool for the residents of Darwin’s rural area.”

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