CONLAN MEETS WITH LITCHFIELD TOURISM OPERATORS

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Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Matt Conlan, today met with Top End tourism operators to address concerns which were not properly recognised in the Litchfield National Park Plan of Management.

“The Government last week moved a motion to disallow the management plan which was proposed by the former Labor Government,” Mr Conlan said.

“Today’s meeting with tourism operators further confirmed that the management plan did not meet the needs of their business’.

“The operators provided me with a valuable insight into issues which could be addressed in an amended or new management plan.

“A key issue raised in the meeting was the concern for anti-social behaviour in Litchfield National Park. This was not recognised in the proposed plan.

“Tourism is a major contributor to the Northern Territory economy and I want to ensure tourism operators concerns are heard when it comes to making decisions about parks.

“A management plan is generally in effect for ten years and it is extremely important to get it right.

“I plan to continue to meet with various stakeholders in coming months including those affected by the proposed Mary River National Park Joint Management Plan.”

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