FORMER GOVERNMENT FAILED TO CONSULT OVER PARKS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Matt Conlan, said the plans proposed by the former Government failed to address the concerns of the tourism industry.

“Plans of Management set the direction for the management of a park and are normally in place for at least ten years,” Mr Conlan said.

“Following talks with tourism operators, it was apparent the consultation process was not adequate and the move to disallow the plan will ensure this process is expanded.

“It is important that all those who wish to have their concerns heard - will have them heard through a more thorough consultation process.

“Tourism is a major contributor to the Territory economy and many operators rely heavily on the access and use of the two parks.

“Both parks attract nearly 300,000 visitors annually and are a popular attraction for locals and tourists.

“The Northern Territory's parks are a wonderful place and this Government wants to see it managed correctly.”

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