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**Berrimah Farm: a vibrant urban hub in a suburban setting**

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The Country Liberals Government is continuing to put pressure on the cost of living through the release of the Territory’s largest ever brownfield site at Berrimah Farm which could yield almost 3,000 new dwellings.

The 168ha site will be subject to a competitive ‘Expression of Interest’ process where private developers from anywhere in the world will be encouraged to put forward their vision.

Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment Peter Chandler said the redevelopment of Berrimah Farm presents an outstanding opportunity to create a new and exciting urban activity hub in an exceptional location.

“My vision for Berrimah Farm is a vibrant place to live that has all the amenities expected of a modern city – shops, supermarkets, bars, cafés and potentially even a school,” Mr Chandler said.

“I envisage higher density residential living surrounding a ‘town centre’ that will attract first class retailers and promote an inner-city vibe in a suburban setting.

“Berrimah Farm is situated between two main transport corridors just 10 minutes from the city, Palmerston and Casuarina with access to public transport making it an easy commute to any workplace.”

Importantly 24 Hectares has been identified for community purpose activities within the Berrimah Farm Area Plan which will include land for research facilities, education facilities and other community uses.

The land release provides for a state of the art contemporary research facility to allow the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and others to continue important research work.

“The precinct will focus effort on supporting and developing Northern Australia Primary Industries and place the Northern Territory as a pre-eminent provider of research and development across Northern Australia, Mr Chandler.”
This year’s budget included $4 million to kick start the project, however this will be an ‘englobo’ release where the onus is on the successful developer to meet the costs of headworks in addition to the cost of constructing the subdivision.

“The government has already been approached by international developers who are keen to invest right here in the Territory – benefiting local contractors and the economy.”

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