Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

**Parks Week 2015 Bigger and Better Than Ever**

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Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price has encouraged all Territorians to celebrate and enjoy our parks during ‘Parks Week’.

“Parks Week is an annual national event that is running from March 8 to 14, and I am proud to say gets bigger and better every year,” Mrs Price said.

“To celebrate, the Parks and Wildlife Commission NT will work with local community groups to stage a range of special events to encourage Territorians to make the most of our wonderful parks.

“These events provide a great opportunity for locals and visitors to learn more about our parks and the wonderful opportunities they present for recreation and health.

“It is no secret I love getting out to our beautiful parks and speaking with our wonderful rangers, so I can tell you first-hand how lucky Territorians are to have such incredible parks on our doorstep.

“This Government is working hard to make our parks more accessible and inviting and a better experience for all, and I urge everyone to get involved in Parks Week and check out what we have to offer.

“There is something for everyone during Parks Week, with activities across the Territory including a crocodile encounter in the Smith Street Mall, a guided hike at Nitmiluk National and a spotlight walk to check out the nocturnal animals at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

“We want our parks to be utilised to their best potential, showing off the natural beauty and ensuring visitors have the best possible experience, so they can tell their friends about our amazing Territory.

“It’s fantastic to see some of the great elements parks have to offer under the spotlight during this week.

“I encourage everyone to make the most of having experts on hand to show them around the parks and provide up close encounters with some of our fascinating flora and fauna.

“Parks week aims to celebrate the contribution rangers and park management agencies deliver daily to maintain our parks.”
A full list of Parks Week 2015 activities is available at www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au

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