David Tollner
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Blueprint for a better Top End

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The future of the Top End will be more sustainable and better planned following the final approval of the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan.

Lands and Planning Minister David Tollner said the document provides a strategic blueprint for the region which will guide the preparation of more detailed local area plans.

Mr Tollner said the plan was largely based on the CLP regional development plan taken to the last election and had been the subject of significant public consultation.

The NT Planning Commission began work on the document in February 2013 and found there was broad public support for a more strategic approach to regional development.

“My priority is to ensure the region evolves in a way that benefits all Territorians,” Mr Tollner said.

“We have a great lifestyle and a beautiful environment in the Top End which makes sustainability all important.

“But we also have to ensure local people can afford to live here and that businesses can create jobs.

“The issues are complex, but the regional land use plan delivers a clear, sensible and balanced blueprint for the future.”

Public consultation on the plan was extensive, with draft versions on exhibition for a total of 228 days.

NTPC chairman Gary Nairn held 26 meetings with stakeholders and commission staff sought the views of the public at shopping centres and rural shows across the Top End.

Councils, MLAs and industry groups were also consulted.

The new plan does not change any specific land uses in the region.

Consultation on the Litchfield Sub-Regional Plan will begin later this year and the NT Planning Commission began consultation on the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plans last month.

To see the full report go to www.lands.nt.gov.au/planning/planning-scheme/referenced-documents

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