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Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Gary Higgins
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Richardson Park Redevelopment Project decision

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The Northern Territory Government has listened to the community and will not be proceeding with the Richardson Park redevelopment project.

Chief Minister Adam Giles and Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins announced this afternoon the government had considered all the feedback and decided to re-examine all other options for a national standard rectangular stadium facility in central Darwin.

“We have listened to the concerns and considered all the information before us and we’ve decided to take the responsible approach and not proceed with the Richardson Park redevelopment,” Mr Giles said.

“We would, however, still prefer a central Darwin facility as it would be close to amenities such as hotels and restaurants. If we’re hosting national and international fixtures, it makes sense to have our premier rectangular facility close to those amenities.

“There is also growth in the central Darwin region which warrants consideration for additional recreational and sporting facilities.

“The Government is keen to hear from the community, sporting bodies, developers, local government and anyone else with an interest in alternative sites in the central Darwin area.”

Mr Higgins said the decision to upgrade Richardson Park was made with good intentions.

“However the community spoke out loud and clear,” Minister Higgins said.

“I know some in the rugby league community will be disappointed but we still hope to identify a central location to develop a first class national standard stadium.

“This decision is about hearing from the community. We will continue to listen and take into account Territorians’ views so they can have confidence about any future stadium development that may occur.
The Northern Territory Government will consider alternative uses and options for Richardson Park.

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