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**Scenic Helicopter flights at Charles Darwin National Park**

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With stunning scenery right on the doorstep of Darwin, tourists and locals will soon be able to take scenic helicopter flights at Charles Darwin National Park.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price said the Country Liberals Government had called for expressions of interest (EOI) last November with the winning bid awarded to Nautilus Aviation.

“This is an exciting time for Darwin locals and tourists. With an increase of visitors wanting to explore what’s on our doorstep including our National Parks, this is a perfect viewpoint to begin your adventure. The Country Liberals are fulfilling their promise to open up our Parks and Reserves to better serve the community,” she said.

“Nautilus’ commitment to the Northern Territory is to offer a number of scenic flights of the Darwin region from Charles Darwin National Park, where they plan to establish office space, a briefing room, kiosk and a showroom to display local art and craft.”

Nautilus Aviation is aiming to begin flights from today at the park, and plans to set up an office in Darwin employing local workers.

The kiosk will be available for those wishing to take a scenic flight, those who are there to watch family and friends, or those simply wishing to visit the park.

Minister Price said: “Nautilus Aviation has a proven track record in the tourism industry and is a regular attendee at all the major tourism shows around the world. Their ready-made distribution partnerships will hold them in good stead to hit the ground running in the NT. I have full confidence they will contribute to the local tourism industry in a positive way.”

Nautilus currently works within the Australian domestic market as well as China, India, New Zealand and the United States.

Aaron Finn from Nautilus Aviation said they would love to work with the local Larrakia Nation and establish cultural tourism product relative to the region.

“We have offered similar product in Cairns where we partner with the Daintree Eco Lodge and the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people with great success,” he said.

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