Territorians are being asked to determine the future direction of the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

Parks and Wildlife Minister Kon Vatskalis said locals can contribute to a draft Gardens Masterplan developed by a working group that includes landscape architects, horticulturalists, planners and interpretive specialists.

Mr Vatskalis said the development of a Masterplan is timely.

"There have been many changes at the Gardens since the early 1990s," Mr Vatskalis said.

"Those changes include the relocation of the nursery and workshop, the relocation and construction of the Wesleyan Church and the installation of the children’s playground.

"With this in mind, it is timely that a revision of the Masterplan be undertaken to guide the future development and promotion of the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

"I urge all Territorians to take the opportunity to view the draft Masterplan and have their say."

The draft Masterplan will be on the Department of Parks and Wildlife website www.lpe.nt.gov.au by the end of the month.

Material will also be on display in the Darwin Mall, Casuarina Square, Nightcliff and Parap markets, Palmerston Shopping Centre and Cavenagh House from mid to late April.

Mr Vatskalis also announced a $70,000 "interpretive shelter" for the Gardens would be completed by the end of May.

The shelter, similar to others located at Myilly Point/Gilruth Point roundabout, opposite the tennis courts at Mindil Beach and at the intersection of Daly St and The Esplanade.

Mr Vatskalis said the shelter will provide visitors with information about Darwin and will feature stories, maps and graphics depicting the heritage associated with the area.

Funding for the shelter has been provided as part of the Government’s recent $4.5 million increase to the minor works program.

"The shelter will act as an introductory point for visitors to the Gardens who wish to use the foreshore network path as well providing a shady, informative stop for locals and Darwin High School students," Mr Vatskalis said.

Mr Vatskalis said Paradise Landscaping has been awarded the contract to build the shelter. Gardens staff will landscape the area and a water bubbler will be provided by PAWA.

The shelter is part of the Government’s Discovering Darwin Tourism Program.