Infrastructure and Planning Minister Kon Vatskalis has announced the Government’s appointments to the Development Consent Authority.

Mr Vatskalis said the appointments were made after 40 people responded to advertisements calling for expressions of interest.

He said the new appointments are effective from April 12, when the current members’ terms expire.

The appointees are:

**DARWIN DIVISION**

David Hibbert: a retired public servant and civil engineer, active in community groups such as the Stuart Park Residents Association.

Michael Mooney: Valuer and real estate agent (Mooney Pepper Pty Ltd), past chairman of NT Branch of Australian Property Group, current chairman of St John Ambulance NT and vice-chairman of Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT.

**LITCHFIELD DIVISION**

Joy Thiel: Current member of this division of the DCA. Businesswoman involved in family prawn trawling company, previously owner of Howard Springs Tavern.

Richard Luxton: Qualified builder and surveyor, currently farms a property near Batchelor. Involved in community and interest groups such as the Planning Action Network and the NT Historical Society.

**PALMERSTON DIVISION**

Michael Hatton: Structural engineer and building certifier, manager of the practice Hatton Babaniaris. Vice-president of the Housing Industry Association NT.

Stephen Ward: Member of the Palmerston division of the DCA since 1996. Held previous positions in Departments of Lands and Housing and Primary Industry and Fisheries. Currently CEO of Contractor Accreditation Ltd, providing accreditation service to local construction industry.

**BATCHelor DIVISION**

Joy Thiel: Ms Thiel has been appointed to both the Litchfield and Batchelor divisions.

Richard Luxton: Mr Luxton has been appointed to both the Batchelor and Litchfield divisions.

**KATHERINE DIVISION**

Nanette Helder: Surveyor with experience in NSW, Victoria, SA and remote areas of WA and NT. Previously employed by PAWA and has been involved in the survey of many developments in and around Katherine.
Bob Dennis: Currently member and deputy chairman of the Katherine division. Member since 1988. Has served as an alderman on Katherine Town Council. Previously employed by PAWA. Involved in community groups such as Apex and Rotary, Katherine Canoe Club and chairman of Katherine High School council.

TENNANT CREEK DIVISION

Kenneth Jones: Long-term Tenant Creek resident with experience in the building industry. Involved in community activities in the area.

William Boulter: Draftsman. Alderman on Tennant Creek Town Council, currently president of the Show Society.

ALICE SPRINGS

David Cloke: Partner in Deloitte Touche Tomatsu. Previous company secretary and general manager of Yeperenye Pty Ltd and currently chairman of the Central Australian Regional Development Committee.

John (Paddy) McBride: A solicitor and long-term Alice Springs resident with a strong interest in community development.

There are seven divisions of the DCA under a single chairman (John Pinney as of April 12).

Each division has four members and a chairman. Two of the members are nominated by the Local Government authority of the area. The other two are appointed by the Minister.