Government Releases Results of Myilly Consultation; Headland to be Rezoned as Parkland

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Lands and Planning Minister Dr Chris Burns today released the results of the public consultation process into the Myilly Point Precinct, and said the Government has followed the prevailing community views expressed in the survey in deciding the future of the three vacant Crown land sites within the precinct.

Dr Burns said the Government has decided to:

- Create a park on the Headland Site at Myilly Point, rezoning it from B5 (tourist-business);
- Allow for a mix of parkland and development on the Old Hospital Site, while retaining the existing B5 zoning;
- Retain public ownership of the beach and foreshore at the Little Mindil Site, while requiring that any future development of the B5-zoned site will be low-rise.

The decision follows the Government’s public consultation process (from 5 October to 26 November) into the future of the three sites.

“There were 930 written responses from members of the public, including 17 letters from groups or organisations” Dr Burns said.

“We have followed the prevailing views expressed in this extensive community survey, with the clearest majority being in favour of rezoning the Headland Site to Open Space.

“When added to the 1.83ha Flagstaff Park, which we rezoned to Open Space last year, this will result in approximately 4.6ha of parkland on the Myilly peninsula.

“We recognise the historical significance of the Old Hospital Site, and believe there may well be scope to commemorate the old hospital, Kahlin Compound, and Cyclone Tracy in any future parkland development on the site.”

Dr Burns said he had also considered the views of petitioners who called on the Government to retain direct beach access at Little Mindil while rezoning both the Headland and Little Mindil sites to parkland.

“Public access to the beach is a crucial part of our great Territory lifestyle,” Dr Burns said.

“We give a commitment that this will remain, as will access to Nurses Walk. In balancing growth with protecting the environment, we will rezone the Headland Site while placing conditions on any future development of Little Mindil.”

Dr Burns said there were no proposals currently before government for
development of the Old Hospital Site or the Little Mindil Site.