Dr Burns said that prominent Darwin businessman, Steve Margetic, had been appointed Chairman. Mr Margetic is Managing Director of Territory-based Sitzler Bros (Darwin) Pty Ltd, a well-known property development and construction firm.

“Mr Margetic, as the immediate past President of the Territory Construction Agency and as an active member of Team NT, the private-sector group assisting the NT Government’s objective to bring Timor Sea gas on-shore, is an ideal candidate to Chair the Advisory Board,” Dr Burns said.

Other members of the Advisory Board include:

- Margaret Michaels, Partner with Clayton Utz Darwin (Deputy Chairman);
- Philip Duval, Managing Director Realty Solutions Australia Pty Ltd, an Adelaide-based specialist independent property consulting firm;
- Marek Petrovs, a Melbourne-based property consultant; and
- Barry Chambers, CEO of the Land Development Corporation and Chief Executive of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment.

“The LDC Board will provide input into setting the strategic direction for the Darwin Business Park as well as managing the proposed industrial estates at East Arm, Middle Arm and Glyde Point on the Gunn Point peninsula.

“The Board has been chosen from a large field of applicants, and offers a range of important skills and experience to the field of land development in the Territory,” Dr Burns said.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

The Territory’s Land Development Corporation (LDC), which came into existence on 1 July 2003, has been established to develop and manage the proposed industrial estates at East Arm, Middle Arm and Glyde Point on the Gunn Point peninsula.

The concept of an industrial and commercially oriented land corporation was developed to ensure the Territory is in the best position to take advantage of major industrial projects that have commenced or accelerated
this year. Projects include the completion of Stage 2A of the East Arm Port and onshore and offshore oil and gas projects.

Initially, the main focus of the LDC is running Darwin Business Park (which includes the former Trade Development Zone). Work on the park is progressing well and includes:

- $3.5 million in completed earthworks contracts;
- A completed $1.5 million culvert supply contract; and
- A $6.125 million subdivision works contract that includes road, water, power, drainage and sewer service development works. This is targeted for completion by mid-February.

Toll Holdings is well advanced in building an $18 million two-stage development of a state of the art freight consolidation and distribution centre in the Business Park. Toll is Australia’s leading company in the transport and logistics sector and will be the first business to set up in the new Business Park.

The LDC will be provided with freehold title over the various estates to enable the management and lease of appropriate areas in a commercially oriented manner. The LDC is able to arrange leases under the Real Property Act with terms and conditions more often seen in the private sector.

LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Steve Margetic

Steve Margetic is Managing Director of the Territory’s largest privately owned building contractor, Sitzler Bros and the immediate past President of the Territory Construction Association.

Margaret Michaels

Margaret Michaels is a Partner at Clayton Utz in Darwin. Margaret's practice spans both the corporate and litigation areas. She has a long history of acting in large commercial disputes, requiring case management expertise and the ability to manage and deal with a large number of documents and witnesses.

Margaret also handles banking recovery work, corporate and personal insolvency, trade practices and equitable relief. She is a member of the NT Law Reform Committee and Subcommittee investigating alternative dispute resolution in civil disputes and is the Honorary Solicitor for the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Advisory Service.

Margaret has experience in advising the Northern Territory Government in commercial, litigious, administrative and public law areas.

Expertise
• Construction
• Energy & Resources
• Litigation & Dispute Resolution
• Major Projects
• Power & Utilities
• Intellectual Property & IT
• Transport & Logistics
• Government Services
• Financial Services Reform

Affiliations

• Member, NT Chapter, Australian Institute of Administrative Law
• Vice President, NT chapter, Australian Mining & Petroleum Law Association
• Law Reporter, NT Council of Law Reporting Inc.
• Honorary Solicitor, Royal Australian Institute of Architects
• Member, Law Society of the Northern Territory
• Member, Federal Litigation Section, Law Council of Australia

Qualifications

• Bachelor of Arts ( University of Queensland ) (1988), majoring in Russian language
• Bachelor of Laws (Honours) ( University of Queensland ) (1991)
• Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice ( Queensland University of Technology) (1990)

Philip Duval

Philip Duval is the Managing Director of Realty Solutions Australia Pty Ltd, an Adelaide-based specialist independent property consulting firm he formed after some 21 years (10 as Managing Director) with CB Richard Ellis (SA) Pty Ltd. He holds valuation and town planning qualifications and has extensive experience in major industrial projects. He has undertaken recent assignments for the SA Government’s Land Management Corporation, Adelaide Airport Ltd, and Origin Energy Ltd.

Mark Petrovs
Marek (Mark) Petrovs is a Melbourne-based property consultant and former Chairman of the Urban and Regional Land Corporation of Victoria. This was merged with Docklands Authority to become VicUrban. Facilitator of Vic, SA, NSW, ACT and WA land corporations' forum. On boards of investment companies.

**Barry Chambers**

Barry was appointed to lead the new Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (DIPE) in November 2001, after more than 30 years of working in broad-ranging engineering, corporate management and company director roles. He is a former Chief Executive Officer of the Power and Water Authority and Secretary of the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment. He has also previously held concurrent roles as the Darwin Port Authority’s Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transport and Works. He has civil engineering qualifications and is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Barry was appointed Chief Executive of the Land Development Corporation on its establishment in July 2003 and has this role concurrently with the position of CEO of DIPE.