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Environment & Heritage: Jewels in the Territory Crown

Country Liberal Party Member for Port Darwin Sue Carter, today launched the CLP’s *Environment and Heritage: Jewels in the Territory Crown* Policy.

Ms Carter said ‘I am delighted to launch this policy today. The CLP will implement an Environment Protection Commission which will provide a parliament appointed independent commissioner who will provide independent advice and oversee the office of the Environment Protection Commission.

“This office will be independent of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. In addition the current Development Consent Authority will become the Sustainable Development Authority. This Authority will consider all development applications including mining (which Labor’s model does not).

“The implementation of an EPC will be an important step for the Territory as we work to grapple with the pressures put upon our environment by development. The independent commission will deal not only with applications but also provide recommendations on important issues like weed infestations, cane toads and salt water intrusion.

“At a more local, Darwin level I am delighted to announce the CLP plan to work with Darwin City Council to enhance the East Point Military Heritage precinct with displays and activities. This will provide a much needed commemoration of our war heritage and add yet another great activity to our tourist facilities.”

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