Community, business, tourism and government representatives are being invited to take part in workshops designed to shape the Darwin City Waterfront master plans, Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said today.

The workshops will build on the extensive consultation which has taken place already, which includes focus groups, displays, a web site, community briefings, newsletters and information kits.

Government is preparing tender documents for the three short-listed consortia that will bid to redevelop the Darwin City Waterfront - including a Convention and Exhibition Centre. The NT Government has allocated $100 million towards a Centre.

A series of community workshops are scheduled to occur in the next week to obtain community input into the document "Community views on the Master Plan".

"We are committed to providing the community, business, heritage and tourism groups with opportunities to have input into this major project as it unfolds," Ms Martin said.

"People will want to know what is happening and to have input into that - we are committed to consultation right through the development process.

"Naturally, not everyone’s views can be incorporated into the final master plan, but it is crucial that the short-listed developers take into account the community’s aspirations.

"Now is the time for Territorians to think about what guidelines should apply to this development."

The workshops will assist the community to articulate what they think would make the Waterfront:

- An exciting place for the international/national visitors using the Convention Centre;

- A place that Darwinians would want to go to regularly;

- Somewhere locals and visitors mix, highlighting what a wonderful place Darwin is.

In total, seven workshops will run over 19, 20, 21 January in the Peninsula Room, Holiday Inn Darwin. Five of these are open to members of the community.

To obtain a schedule of dates and times and register to attend please visit www.waterfront.nt.gov.au. Anyone unable to attend a workshop can send their ideas in writing via email, fax or post to Amanda Adams on 8946 9555, fax 8946 9556 or email jane.munday@nt.gov.au.