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Delia Lawrie
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LITTLE MINDIL MYTHS DISPELLED –
PUBLIC SPACE AND REHABILITATION FOCUS

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Delia Lawrie, today restated the Government’s commitment to protecting public access to the foreshore, public open space and rehabilitation of the escarpment and creek on the Little Mindil site.

The Minister publicly released information that includes a map which clearly outlines the development footprint, rehabilitation areas and public access for the site.

“We are committed to achieving a balanced outcome which protects the environment, ensures public access and creates jobs for Territorians,” said Ms Lawrie.

“This project will breathe new life into a site in the heart of Darwin that is currently underused.

“This development will encourage more Territorians who have never been to the site to enjoy the foreshore and beach.

“The degraded escarpment and creek, which are infested with weeds, will be restored to a green belt.

“Whichever proposal is successful, the proponents will be issued with a Crown lease.

“The Government’s priorities will be set out in stringent conditions of the lease that the developer must comply with.”

The Minister said the development at Little Mindil will result in an investment of more than $50 million into the economy.

“This is a significant project for Darwin that will produce many local jobs during the construction phase and tourism jobs during operation, not to mention the expected boost in retail activity in the CBD,” said Ms Lawrie.

In addition, a Masterplan for the Myilly Headland will protect environmental and heritage values of the adjoining precinct.

“A draft plan will be released and the community will be consulted and invited to have their say,” said Ms Lawrie.