Chamber’s Pillar Joint Management Plan Now On Display

A draft joint management plan for the Chamber's Pillar Historical Reserve is now open for public comment.

Chamber’s Pillar, 162km south of Alice Springs, is part of the country of the Southern Arrente or Pertame people.

Parks and Wildlife Minister Alison Anderson said the reserve is a living cultural landscape, and is a place of beauty as well as being historically significant.

“This park is well-known for its striking sandstone feature, named by explorer John McDouall Stuart during his travels through the centre in the 1860s, and the historic engravings which remind us of the early explorers and settlers in the region,” Ms Anderson said.

This is the third parks draft management plan released under the joint management amendments made to the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act in February 2005.

Ms Anderson said the draft plan proposed no radical change to how the Reserve is managed, but would include more involvement from Traditional Owners, which will enhance the learning and cultural experience for visitors.

“The draft plan has been formed in a cooperative effort between Traditional Owners and the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport staff, and is a strong sign for the effective joint management of the Reserve,” she said.

“The draft recognises Traditional Owners’ connection to country under both Territory and traditional law, and finds meaningful ways to involve Traditional Owners in the Reserve’s management.”

The public can view the draft plan by logging on to www.nt.gov.au/nretas/consult, where it will be on display for one month.

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