Territorians will be asked to have their say on a $4 million upgrade to the Palmerston Boat Ramp – an NT Government election commitment.

Fisheries Minister Kon Vatskalis said as part of the Territory Government’s commitment to improving recreational fishing infrastructure, the public is being asked to comment on the concept plan for the upgraded ramp at Elizabeth River.

“Territorians love to get outdoors and cast a line, and the NT Government is proud of its commitment to improving our recreational fishing infrastructure,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“This government allocated $4 million to upgrade the ramp on the Elizabeth River and we are now reaching the final concept design phase which will see us fulfil this election promise,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The concept plan provides a number of benefits including a land based fishing component, security lighting, floating pontoon along the centre of the boat ramp, a ramp for disability access and improved parking facilities, including a secure parking area.

“Fishing is a popular past time in the Territory and as more and more boats take to our waters we need to ensure that our facilities keep pace with an increase in usage.

“It is anticipated that the plan will go to tender later this year, with construction expected to begin early next Dry season.”

The public have until Friday 2nd October to submit a comment on the plan.

To view the concept plan visit www.nt.gov.au/construction/projects

Written submissions can be sent via e-mail to constructionmarketing.dpi@nt.gov.au or by post to Lyle Hebb, Palmerston Boat Ramp Upgrade, PO Box 61, Palmerston, NT 0831.

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