Karl Hampton
MINISTER FOR CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

13 August 2010

NEW LAND FOR ALICE GROWTH

The Federal Member for Lingiari, Warren Snowdon, and the Northern Territory Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton have welcomed a proposal to release 349 hectares of land for residential development in Alice Springs.

The approval of the Alice Springs Airport’s 2010 Master Plan includes a proposal to excise part of the airport site to enable future development.

“This proposal is a big step towards easing the pressure for residential land release in and around Alice Springs,” Mr Snowdon said.

“Once finalised, the development proposal for the area will provide an opportunity for hundreds, if not thousands of Territorians to get a new home.

“The approval of the Master Plan gives us in principal approval for the land transfer to the NT Government, and I will work to ensure the airport, the NT Government and the Commonwealth move forward with this important project.

"This is land is is surplus and redundant to the long term development of the Alice Springs airport and using it for housing is a great benefit to the community."

Mr Hampton said the proposal involved the NT Airports and Northern Territory Government working together on an integrated residential development of Kilgariff and the 349 hectares of land in the northern part of the Alice Springs airport site.

“This has the potential to be one of the most significant land releases for Alice Springs, allowing our town to continue to grow and prosper.

“There are obvious synergies between this land at the airport and the new residential suburb of Kilgariff, and together the developments have the potential to provide 4,500 dwellings over 20 years.
“Budget 2010 includes $10 million for headworks at the AZRI Kilgariff site, a considerable kick-start for this development.

“These new land releases also give us an opportunity to develop in an environmentally sustainable way.

“Secure land release is vital for the future development of Alice Springs and today’s announcement is fantastic news for our town.”

*Contact: Patrick Hastwell 0427 017 803 (Hampton), Alice Plate 0400045999 (Snowdon)*

*Related files:*
100813 - Alice Springs Airport Master Plan final v2.pdf (46.11 kb)