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Kylie Minogue Should Be So Lucky

Three new mango varieties have been home grown in the Territory … and the Primary Industry Minister Kon Vatskalis is proposing naming them after Australia’s very own icon and pop princess – Kylie Minogue.

Mr Vatskalis is also going one step further and sending the much loved singing sensation her very own batch.

“I think Kylie should be so lucky to have this mango variety named after her,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“She is the princess of pop and just like royalty it would be fitting to have a Territory icon named after her.

“I am even going to send Ms Minogue a batch of these mangoes to get her to be one of the first in Australia to try this new variety.”

Mr Vatskalis said his Primary Industries department is trialling the three new mango varieties that have been developed under the National Mango Breeding Program.

The Program has been a joint venture between the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and the CSIRO.

Mr Vatskalis said the new varieties are the result of 16 years of research and these are the first varieties to be released for commercialisation.

“These three varieties of mango will hopefully give producers a new product for the domestic and export markets, while consumers will benefit from an improvement in the quality of fruit”, he said.

“The mangoes under trial retain the sweet rich Kensington Pride taste, but are highly coloured with greater external blush, making them more appealing to consumers.

“Producers will also benefit through improved productivity and an expansion in the harvest period. These hybrids will now be planted across the Territory, and hopefully by Christmas 2012 they will be ready to hit the shelves.

“But in the mean time I am writing to the National Mango Breeding Program and asking them to consider naming one of the three varieties after another Aussie icon!”

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