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RURAL CENTRE PLANS

The Member for Nelson and Member for Goyder will launch alternative Rural Centre Plans today in response to the Northern Territory Government’s Discussion Paper titled Rural Village Development.

The main difference between our proposed Rural Centre Plans and the Governments is:

- Acknowledge and protect the rural lifestyle as a legitimate way of life as opposed to living in suburbs of Darwin, Palmerston or the future city of Weddell.

- Each rural centre has a clear boundary separating rural development from urban development.

- Small block development is only permitted within a rural centre.

- A new zone is to be created call Large Urban LU (0.4hectares or 1acre) and only permitted within rural centres.

- The minimum rural lot size in Litchfield remains Rural Residential RR (1hectare or 2.5acres) and not 0.4hectares or 1acre as proposed by the Government.

Media Opportunity

What: Release of Alternative Rural Centre Plans

Where: Coolalinga, in front of Kennard’s Hire (old Top End Hire) on outbound service road

When: 12.45pm Wednesday 10th August

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