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| Registration No: | 3 |
| Title: | Open green space for Darwin CBD for new residents and public |
| Presented on: | 17 August 2005 |
| Presented by: | Mr Wood |
| Referred To: | Planning and Lands (Burns) |
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Petition

The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

We the undersigned respectfully showeth that many tall residential buildings are being constructed in the Darwin CBD increasing the density of the population.

We the undersigned therefore humbly pray that the Northern Territory Government ensure more green open space consistent with the *Planning Act* for the shared use of new residents and the Darwin public.

Response

Concerns with respect to provision of green open space within the Darwin CBD for use of residents of tall buildings and the Darwin public.

- Existing open space areas and proposed areas, particularly those associated with the Waterfront development, represent a relatively high provision of open space within the CBD when compared with other city centres.
- The Darwin Town Plan includes clauses intended to ensure the provision of adequate communal open space for the enjoyment of the residents of flats. A flat development is required to provide, at ground level, a landscaped area not less than 30% of the area of the site. While a communal area equivalent to 30% of the site is usually provided, the need to locate this at ground level is often waived in favour of podium level recreation facilities often incorporating swimming pools. In some instances communal areas are supplemented by the provision of generous private outdoor spaces in the form of balconies.
- The draft NT Planning Scheme includes enhanced criteria to promote site responsive design within central Darwin including the preservation of vistas and the inclusion of landscaping.
- The Capital City Charter, which focuses the combined efforts of the Darwin City Council, the NT Government and the community on initiatives to promote and foster the development of the CBD, is likely to provide a forum for consideration of issues such as adequacy of provision of open space.

