

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Fyles to the Minister for Lands and Planning:

Draft Dual Occupancy Plan

Does the Minister intend on conducting public consultation and feedback sessions on the draft dual occupancy plan released by the Planning Commission? If not, why not?

ANSWER

The Northern Territory Planning Commission has already undertaken consultation with the community, regarding the draft dual occupancy proposal. Consultation included an email launch to approximately 300 stakeholders with the draft proposal attached. The Chairman of the Planning Commission held five information sessions in the regional centres of the Territory, including two in Darwin and separate sessions in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. The proposal was advertised NT wide, featuring twice in the NT News and once in the Katherine Times, Tennant Creek Times and the Centralian Advocate. Additional information was also listed on the Planning Commission's website.

Following community consultation, the Planning Commission significantly revised the draft proposal, including making a recommendation for a minimum lot size of 900m². On 13 May 2016, I placed the proposal on public exhibition as a proposed amendment to the NT Planning Scheme, with a minimum lot size of 1000m². Members of the public again have the opportunity to comment on the proposal during the exhibition period which extends until 10 June 2016.