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Dear Ms Lawrie,

Your letter to residents in the Larrakeyah area regarding the Old Hospital and Kahlin Compound site has been brought to my attention. As the Chairman of the Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC) I was responsible for the public release of a conceptual plan that you refer to as the "CLP Government Plan" in your correspondence. Your letter and survey raises concern for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the fact you refer to it as the "CLP Government Plan". As you would be aware, the NTPC is a statutory independent Commission and the conceptual plan was produced by it, not by the Government.

Secondly, you claim that the community has not been consulted. The conceptual plan is currently on public exhibition from 1 May 2014 to 11 June 2014 and in addition the professional consultancy, Michels Warren Munday, has been engaged to proactively consult the community including key stakeholders. Also, I met with many residents, body corporates and other key stakeholders including the Friends of Kahlin, during the preparation of the conceptual plan.

Thirdly, you claim our conceptual plan proposes 70% development and 30% open space when our publicly released documentation clearly states that a 60%/40% mix is being suggested at this stage of the development of the concept.

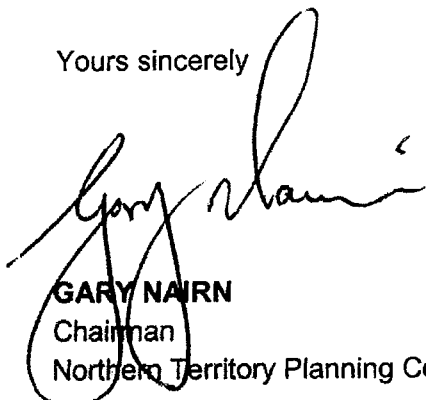
And finally, I am concerned that the plan, referred to as the "CLP Government Plan" in your correspondence, has been reproduced differently to the one the NTPC actually released.

As your correspondence has presumably been sent to a substantial section of the local community I thought it important I bring these matters to your attention so that you may correct your information if you plan any further public communication on this important planning issue.

Please find enclosed the information pack that was publicly released and provided to local residents.

I expect to be able to provide a final report on our proposal for the site to the Minister for Lands Planning & Environment by the end of June.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman
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