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PLAN UPDATE 7th AUGUST 2014

Dear Friends,

### 1. NEXT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The next PLan Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 14 August, 2014 at 4.45pm for 5, at the PLan Office in Charlton Court, Woolner.

All members are welcome as observers. At present we also have a vacancy 'opportunity' on the committee too, which it would be nice to fill.

### 2. RACE TO DEVELOPMENT

There is a lot going on in planning and development, which is difficult to keep up with. The CLP government's attitude to speeding the approval process is disadvantaging the community. Whilst development is hastened, there is no attention given to the planning needed to achieve parks and community facilities for local liveability.

This is even the case with the 18 month Darwin CBD Masterplan program which is for an extra 20,000 in a small area.

There is a 'DENSIFICATION' POLICY in a word, without the necessary dot points covering the detail needed.

The big 'strategic plans' of the NT Planning Commission do not go to the amount of detail which would ensure provision for the needs of local living. They simply jump to transport infrastructure.

The environment, particularly catchments are suffering, not only meaning vital ecology and pleasant recreational areas are lost, but also risks of costly flooding in the future.

All for the sake of driving the short term economy through built development, and it seems, treating people as economic consumer units.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF DENIS BURKE AS CHAIR OF DCA

Obviously this creates concerns about possible political bias; prior relations with major developer HALIKOS of Fantasy Island, No1 Daly Street towers, the Kulaluk Stockpile not yet removed; and perceptions on the Abu Dhabi vision in Darwin Harbour.

### 4. CONSULTATIONS ?

The public have become very cynical about 'consultations, since they have lacked interaction and evidence of feedback.

NO NEWS YET ON THE OLD HOSPITAL SITE AND MYILLY POINT where 60% to be built development to achieve 40% community purposes and open space.

TOWARDS A DARWIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN has now moved on to DRAFT DARWIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN (See the NT Planning Commission website) .

Commissioner Nairn asks us to look at the text as well as the map which does not show much detail.

Major concerns are the impacts on most of Litchfield, including Holtze, otherwise referred to as Palmerston North, and Damming the Elizabeth River although both the Minister and Chief Minister are against that.

Berrimah Farm consultation was limited to very few 'stakeholders'.

## 5. AIRCRAFT NOISE IN PITCH BLACK AND THE EIS PROCESS FOR THE NEW FIGHTER

We have had minor involvement and refer you to the following information:

### (A) PITCH BLACK NOISE REPORTING:

Complaints may be made to the Air Services website : (<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/>).

Reports about all types of air noise complaints will be at: (<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/publications/noise-reports/noise-reports/>)

Very few complaints have so far come from Darwin. New reports would be useful for the record of which areas are most affected.

(B) NEW FIGHTER(Link [www.f35evolution.com.au](http://www.f35evolution.com.au) and see specific attachment at the end of this update).

## 6. PROBLEMS WITH GRAVES

Two current developments involve using land in areas known to have graves. One is opposite the Totem Road/Dick Ward Drive intersection for a Light Industrial development, and the other for four multi-storey buildings near the cemetery in Goyder Road. Both are causing intense concern.

## 7. WHAT IS PLAN DOING TOWARDS BETTER PLANNING FOR THE COMMUNITY

- Responding to the Development Notices every week
- Preparing major submissions where there is an opening, eg. about Flagstaff Park
- Following up urgently with Council and NTG about the Stella Maris site staying a public facility, and not being sold off. The Commissioner found that the site remain in public hands.
- Talking to people who contact us with their problems, and to working planners
- Raising issues with the Minister Peter Chandler, eg. 3rd party right for rural residents.
- Liaising with relevant politicians
- Working with allied groups and local groups with issues
- Seeking specialist advice on particular problems
- Participating in group meetings.
- Using the media when we can.

So we appreciate your support. If you can get more involved in particular issues, join up a friend or two, or can be part of the PPlan Committee, please let us know.

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