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Dear Members and Friends,

PLEASE COME AND JOIN OUR COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING

Our voluntary organization PLAN: the Planning Action Network, Inc and our colleagues the Planning for People Group, are combining to bring you a public meeting to discuss actions to improve planning in the Northern Territory.

Details are: **SUNDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 10-12NOON**
 George Brown Botanic Gardens
 Under the shade trees near the main gate.
 Best bring hat, chair and water
 Free, but donations welcome to cover costs.

BACKGROUND

Many of you attended a Combined Public Meeting earlier at the Mirambeena Hotel. Many urgent issues of concern to the community were raised. Time beat us. We were unable to decide upon a what actions to use to deal with the issues and problems raised, and improve planning directed at supporting the needs of the community.

This situation has become even more urgent with the Northern Territory Government's infill and compact living policies. Now it is being said that the population of Greater Darwin will double in the planned future. Doubling the population means that we need better urban design, with shade, setbacks, and arcades consistent with walkability and tropical living. We must not destroy the local character of suburbs and rural area valued by our people.

Doubling the population means doubling our public community facilities and parks, and not continuing to allow the need to be ignored in favour of commercialization. Ensuring effective transport is important, as is a conscious response to greenhouse issues. Conserving the environment of our harbour, its foreshores, and our waterway catchments, for our social, cultural and healthy wellbeing, and for tourist benefit, is essential to our Top End life.

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COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING ON PLANNING

This community meeting is being organized by the Planning for People Group, and PLAN: the Planning Action Network.

An earlier combined meeting of Greater Darwin residents met about various urgent planning problems and issues.

Sunday's meeting will discuss what actions can be taken to solve some of these problems and issues, and improve planning as it affects us, and the future of our tropical home.

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Location: Under the shade trees inside the lower gates of the Botanic Gardens. *Meeting Details:* on Poster above