

*Please support the Heritage Listing of Kulaluk.*

PLan's current urgent campaign is to finalise the Heritage Listing of the whole of Kulaluk. The Heritage Council has called for public submissions until 29 March, 2016, for a permanent listing on the NT Heritage Register. PLan is working with Save the Green Belt, and the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation(LNAC)

The LNAC nominated the whole 301 hectares of Kulaluk. An independent Ritchie Report (2015) prepared as a result of an appeal by LNAC, has determined that the area definitely has heritage significance. See pp3-4 Executive Summary, in the attachment 'Kulaluk David Ritchie, pdf

Heritage Minister Tollner has gazetted an interim protection order whilst the submissions come in. If this land does not achieve final Heritage Listing, it will be in danger of being bulldozed and concreted section by section, for built development.

Kulaluk is the largely natural area familiar to daily commuters, on Dick Ward Drive which runs through it, from Nightcliff to Fannie Bay. On the zoning map, it is outlined in red. The dominant mid green area is zoned CONSERVATION(CN).

Our role is to help people understand the issues, so they can write submissions to:

The Chairman, NT Heritage Council,

PO Box 4196, Darwin, NT 0801

This is a crucial planning issue for Darwin. At present a green belt, with its natural green environment runs from Ludmilla Bay through the airport to Rapid Creek and Leanyer, and on to Lee Point --- a relief wildlife belt for animals and birds.

Much of Kulaluk is in the Darwin flight path, and so is noisy and dangerous. Storm surge covers much of it. There is a variety of coastal mangroves. In conservation terms, the land has been poorly managed. Without heritage listing, the prospect is destruction of important habitat, with replacement by unattractive miscellaneous concrete buildings, and increased danger, and traffic delays. There are better uses.

Our ultimate aim is as a centre for eco/cultural tourism managed and interpreted by Aboriginal rangers, close enough to the Darwin CBD for cruise ship visitors.

As an introduction, watch the excellent two minute YouTube 'Kulaluk Heritage Listing' for a live summary of the issues.

!Please come to a free PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING on Saturday, 19 March, 2016 (4-5.30pm) at the NT Museum Auditorium.

The expert speakers --- Bill Day, Donna Jackson, Kristin Metcalfe, David Morris and Margaret Clinch, will outline the history and various aspects of Kulaluk, each speaking briefly, followed by a question time.

Opportunities will be there to compose submissions to be hand delivered.

More information about the meeting from 0478848918.

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