

Consultation update

The draft Northern Territory Parks and Conservation Masterplan was launched by Minister Scrymgeour on Monday 12 September for an eight-week public comment period.

To read the media release ... [click here](#)

An extensive public consultation program accompanied the launch of the draft Masterplan. This included newspaper, radio and television advertising, media interviews and a series of public forums.

To listen to the radio advertisement ... [click here](#)

The forums were held throughout the Territory in Darwin, Howard Springs, Katherine, Mataranka, Borroloola, Timber Creek, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. The forums were advertised through local and regional newspapers, media releases, key stakeholders, flyers and departmental staff.

Masterplan documents

A draft Summary Paper was prepared which summarised the key aspects of the Masterplan. Two thousand summary documents were printed and distributed throughout the Northern Territory. A compact disc (CD) was also produced which contained the draft Masterplan, and the following:

- Parks and Conservation Masterplan - Sites of Conservation Significance map
- Large scale (1:250 000) maps of the 23 bioregions showing threatened species and biological hotspots
- Northern Territory Bioregions: Assessment of Key Biodiversity Values and Threats (supplementary volume to the Masterplan).

To view these files online ... [click here](#)

Register your interest

If you would like to receive a copy of the final Masterplan once released, you can register your interest by freecall 1800 813 337 or email parksmasterplan@nt.gov.au.



Local media at the opening launch in Darwin with Minister Scrymgeour

Community feedback

Around fifty submissions on the draft Masterplan were received from a broad range of interest groups and individual stakeholders. The submissions covered a range of issues with a focus by several groups on the following key issues:

- marine park system
- access issues with jointly managed parks
- mining issues within parks and reserves
- hunting and feral animal control activities within parks and reserves
- establishment of scientific and advisory stakeholder groups.

Next step

The draft Masterplan is currently being revised taking into account the public comments. It is intended that a final version will be released in early 2006.

The masterplanning team are grateful for the comments received on the draft Masterplan and for interested parties taking the time and effort to provide comments.

For more information on the masterplanning process freecall 1800 813 337, email parksmasterplan@nt.gov.au or go to www.parksmasterplan.nt.gov.au.

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