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## **MAKING THE MOST OF NITMILUK'S NATURAL WONDERS**

Nitmiluk National Park will build on its reputation as one of the world's best nature-based tourism destinations under a new commercial development plan.

At the official launch, Chief Minister Clare Martin said the plan will guide future tourism initiatives in the Park and the Katherine region.

“We must make the most of Nitmiluk's natural wonders – better facilities, better accommodation and better bush walking trails,” Ms Martin said.

“The 66 kilometre Jatbula Trail has the potential to be a world class cultural walking trail – the only long walking trail in the Savannah region of Australia.

“Nitmiluk could also be linked with Kakadu National Park by developing a 325 kilometre walking trail – this could be one of the top ten walking trails in the world.

“Nitmiluk is a truly breathtaking experience and provides the Jawoyn people with opportunities to develop tourism and create employment and training.”

The plan suggests specialist boat cruises, a Jawoyn Cultural Centre, guided tours at Mt Todd Dam, four wheel drive tracks and accommodation.

The Jawoyn Association, Nitmiluk Tours and Aurora are also discussing the potential for developing a lodge and resort type facility in the Gorge precinct.

“This would be complemented by accommodation in the more remote areas of Nitmiluk to give visitors a real taste of what the park has to offer,” Ms Martin said.

The Nitmiluk National Park Commercial Development Plan is the culmination of over 11 months work by the Nitmiluk Working Group.

This includes the Jawoyn Association, Parks and Wildlife, the Department of the Chief Minister and Tourism NT in close consultation with the Nitmiluk Board of Management, Nitmiluk Tours, Aurora, members of the tourism industry.

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