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MEDIA RELEASE

Public meeting to discuss the review of the Norfolk Island Plan

Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, Vicky Jack, has invited members of the public to attend a public meeting next week to discuss the review of the Norfolk Island Plan.

“A set of draft amendments to the Norfolk Island Plan are on exhibition for four weeks, and this is the time for interested members of the public to make written comments on these proposed changes”, Mrs Jack said.

The paper describing the draft amendments is available at the Post Office, Library and Planning Office, and also available online at <http://www.info.gov.nf/land&env/> as the file “Draft Plan Amendments 120809.pdf”. Mrs Jack suggested that people should read this document before coming to the meeting, so that they understand exactly what is being proposed.

Mrs Jack emphasised the importance of this meeting. “A comprehensive review of the Norfolk Island Plan only comes around once every five years, and there are close to one hundred draft amendments in this review. Following on from this exhibition period and consideration of public submissions, the Legislative Assembly will approve a final set of amendments to the Plan, and the revised Plan will essentially be fixed for the next five years”.

The first public meeting will commence at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd September at the Supper Room at Rawson Hall. Planning Officer Alan McNeil will be in attendance to explain the draft amendments and to answer any questions. Further meetings may follow in the coming weeks depending on the outcome of this first meeting.

Any enquiries about the meeting or the draft amendments should be directed to the Planning Office at the Cell Block behind New Military Barracks, by telephone to 23595 or email to planning@admin.gov.nf

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