



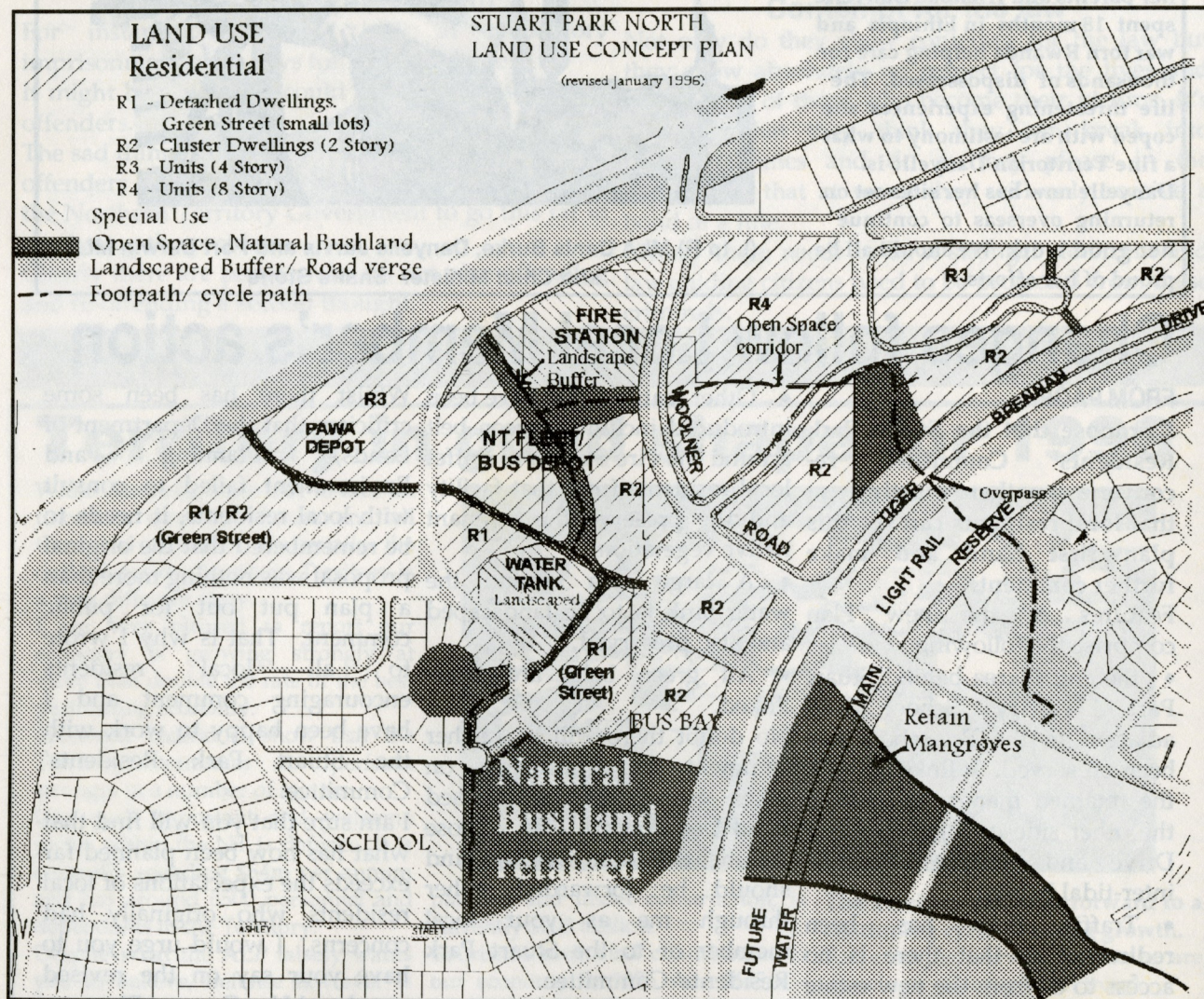
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MARCH 2
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NICK DONDAS

Shane Stone MLA

February 1996 Newsletter

Local Member takes action over housing proposal



The NT Government wants your comment on these plans for the Stuart Park and Ludmilla areas

Land Use Concept Plan revised

More than 50 hectares of land in the Stuart Park and Ludmilla areas have been identified for new medium and high density housing development- including a number of vacant blocks adjacent to Woolner Road. Development will include open space, parks and pedestrian cyclist facilities.

In my capacity as the local member I have intervened in what was proposed for the Stuart Park North development. You would be aware that before Christmas I directed the Minister for Lands, Panning and Environment to extend the time for comment until 1 March 1996. I have met with the Stuart park Resident's Committee and its chairman Larry Bannister on three occasions. What we now have is a much revised Land Use Concept Plan for consideration. CONTINUED, P2

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Danyelle's eyes are on others

I had the pleasure of meeting a fine young ambassador for the Territory in the New Year. Danyelle Jarvis returned briefly from her overseas duties with Red Cross International to see her parents and friends. Danyelle spent 18 months in Ethiopia and war torn Rwanda helping care for thousands of dispossessed. The life threatening experiences she coped with are testimony to what a fine Territorian Danyelle is. Danyelle now has her sites set on returning overseas to continue her good work. We should all be proud of her efforts.



(L to R) MLA Denis Burke, Danyelle Jarvis and Port Darwin MLA and Chief Minister Shane Stone

Changes follow Local Member's action

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I propose that the Stuart Park Residents' Committee reconvene another meeting so that local residents can see this plan first hand and make further comment.

Features of the new Plan comprise the following:

- the entire area behind Stuart Park Primary School and adjacent to the Pre-school has been preserved. It links up with the retained mangrove area on the other side of Tiger Brennan Drive and so preserves the inter-tidal habitat.
- Traffic flow has been redirected so that there is no access to or from the new estate from either Flinders Drive, Armidale Street, Quarry Crescent or Verburg Court. All access is planned through Tiger Brennan Drive.

- The identified areas for R2, R3 and R4 development have been changed dramatically. R1 is now proposed for the area at the end of Armidale Street and Verburg Court. R2 and R3 blocks are now far removed from the existing residential area of Stuart Park and are buffered by green belts and a road system.

- Other features that have been introduced include a green belt around the Fire Station to buffet local residents from that facility and the preserve the remnant native vegetation.
- A large area around the water tank is to be landscaped and also preserved.
- All green belts are inter-linked.

No doubt there will be further comment from residents on other aspects of the revised Land Use Concept Plan. Those comments will be welcome and should be forwarded either through me as your local member or to the Stuart Park Residents' Committee.

Your Comments

One issue that is likely to generate some discussion is whether Armidale Street should be closed off at the northern end. Police, Fire and Emergency Services would argue that it is important that fire tenders have access directly into the area. Also, some local residents in Stuart Park would argue that this closure would greatly impede their ability to move between the two areas.

In any event, your comments would be very welcome on this important issue.

Whilst there has been some criticism that the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment failed to consult with local residents, it needs to be remembered that the original proposal was nothing more than a plan put out for public comment. That is why I wrote to all local residents encouraging comment and I have been happy to work with the Stuart Park Residents' Committee.

I am sure that you will find that what has now been planned far exceeds the expectations of local residents who originally had concerns. I would urge you to have your say on the revised new Land Use Concept Plan.

I look forward to attending the next meeting of the Stuart Park Residents' Committee to hear your views as a local resident.

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Housebreakers should go to jail

I intend to make 1996 a miserable year for housebreakers and other such thieves and criminals.

Tougher laws should carry compulsory jail sentences for these criminals.

I am currently in the process of seeking advice on the detail of minimum penalty provisions.

Mandatory imprisonment

For instance we could look at mandatory imprisonment of 28 days for repeat offenders.

It might be a week, it could be two weeks for first offenders.

The sad thing is that the irresponsible attitude many offenders have to crime has made it necessary for the Northern Territory Government to go this far in combating the problem.

Clearly there are people who do not give offending and re-offending a second thought.

Right across the board, the community is fed up. People have had enough of the same people breaking into other people's property time and time again.

Housebreakers and the like are returning to court over and over again before they're jailed.

These people are not behaving in a way the community finds acceptable.

Contempt for the law

Not only do they show contempt for the law but they show absolutely no respect for the lives and possessions of those who become their victims. It's alarming that they think they can break into people's homes and do as they please in the expectation that at worst they will only receive a bond or a fine.

Clearly there needs to be a stronger deterrent and law abiding citizens need to be protected from these criminals.

"Right across the board people are fed up"

Territory in good shape for 1996

While Australia continues to face an uncertain economic future and all the social problems this entails, the outlook for the Northern Territory is a very different story.

I am very pleased to report our economy is growing strongly at more than double the rate of the best performing economy.

Economic indicators show that the Territory continues to perform strongly in a number of sectors.

One such important and welcome sector within the NT is defence. It is currently spending \$54m per annum and has around 6500 personnel and dependants in the Territory.

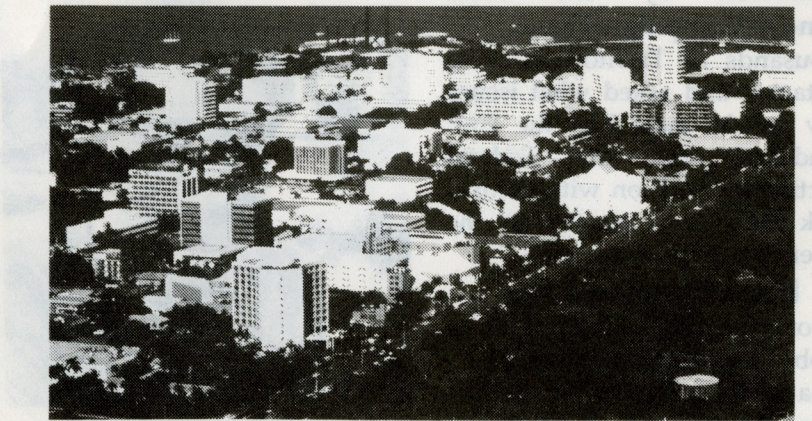
Despite what the ALP falsely wants you to believe, defence however is not driving our economy. It is only one of 9 sectors within our economy.

So what are the other areas that drive the Territory economy.

The largest sector within the Territory is mining. This financial year, its estimated \$1.49 billion worth of minerals and oil will be produced and processed by the NT mining industry. Good examples of the activity underway include the \$250m McArthur River Mine. Another is the estimated expenditure of \$150m on energy exploration in Timor Gap.

Tourism is one of the great success stories of the Territory.

In 1995, visitors to the NT exceeded 1m-an average annual growth rate of 6.4%. Investment in tourism ventures,



planned and under construction, is currently \$203 million.

Tourism's estimated contribution to our economy in 1995 was \$645m - nearly double defence. And tourism provides more new jobs for Territorians than any other industry.

Another outstanding success story, along with tourism and mining has been the Territory trade push into the Asia-Pacific region.

Our trade within the East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA) has increased more than fourfold in four years from \$28m to \$123m in 1994-95. Live cattle exports through the NT rose from 171 000 animals in 1994 to around 300 000 in 1995.

Territory businesses are succeeding as far afield as China and as close to home as Irian Jaya.

Territory trade (exclusive of oil/ gas) increased by 22% in the last 2 years.

The Territory can look forward to a continuing cycle of strong growth.

For example, service industries are showing a strong growth trend.

Key growth sectors are wholesale and retail trade which has grown by an average 7.01%, accommodation, cafes/restaurants 6.88%, recreational, personal and other services by 9.81%, health and community services by 5.49% and finance, property and business services by 3.52%.

The increase in all these sectors has outstripped both government and defence, which has grown by 2.58%. Manufacturing is achieving an annual growth rate of 3.55%.

The confidence of the commercial sector is there for all to see. Try getting quick service from a plumber or a builder in the Territory at the present time. They are very busy people.

Nick Dondas stands for the CLP

Former Deputy Chief Minister, Minister and Speaker of the Territory Parliament, Nick Dondas, is standing for the CLP in this year's Federal election.

Nick, a popular representative for people in the Casuarina electorate for 20 years, resigned from the Territory Parliament prior to the 1994 NT elections to enable him to contest the Federal seat.

"The current Labor MHR just hasn't put in the work for the Territory in the past eight years. All we see of him is standing behind the Prime Minister at every photo opportunity and telling Territorians how grateful we should be to Canberra," Nick Dondas says.

"He offers the Territory Government no support in the effort to complete the railway from Alice Springs to Darwin and says he has no view on Northern Territory Statehood.

He seems completely disinterested in the vital issues that affect Territorians.

"We need someone who is prepared to fight for our right to be heard in the National Parliament - to put issues like creating jobs for young

Territorians, reducing taxes and supporting the business push into Asia firmly on the national agenda," Nick says.

Nick Dondas is well qualified to speak for the Territory in Canberra. Elected to the Territory Parliament in 1974 after many years as a businessman in the Top End, he held 6 different ministries, was Deputy Chief Minister for 3 years and Speaker for 5 years during his time in the Legislative Assembly.

He gained respect as a determined and hard working member, becoming known as the 'father of Marrara' because of his commitment in support of the northern suburbs sports complex.

Dondas working on Territory issues

The biggest poll of Territory voters ever has been conducted by the Nick Dondas Campaign Team.

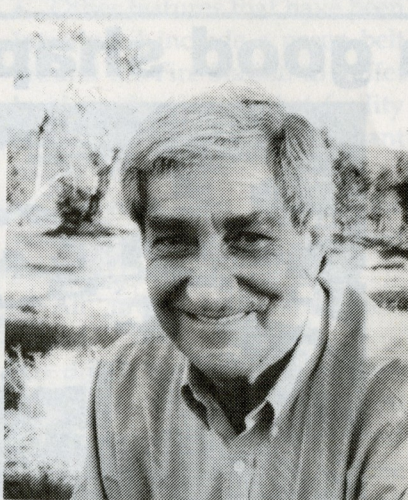
Thousands of Territorians were contacted and asked what issues they would most like the CLP Candidate for the Federal Election to work on with them if Nick Dondas is elected to the Federal Parliament.

Important issues

Among the most important issues is jobs for young Territorians.

"That confirms my own view that even though the Territory is recording the best economic growth rates and lowest unemployment statistics in Australia today, families are rightly anxious about the appalling youth unemployment figures being registered at the national level," Nick said.

"I'm determined that Territory youth should not fall into the cycle of unemployment and



Nick Dondas...job creation government make work schemes that has failed young people down south so badly.

"Real jobs are the answer and poll results show that Territorians understand that very well.

"People identify job creation areas such as the business push into Asia and the construction of the railway along with the best

quality education for their children as other top priorities."

The former Member for Casuarina, who resigned from the Territory Parliament to contest the Federal election, said he hoped to personally thank every person who had taken part in the phone poll.

"It's a tall order - there will be thousands of people to see or to write to - but I am determined to meet as many as possible.

Real contact

"Territory voters have the right to expect real contact with the person who hopes to represent them in the Federal Parliament. People are constantly telling me that that is something that has been missing for the past eight years since the Labor incumbent won the seat and became Canberra's man in the Northern Territory.

"Unlike him I'll put the Territory first."

Written and authorised by Suzanne Cavenagh for the Country Liberal Party, 107 Woods Street, Darwin NT 0800

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St Mary's Primary- Sister Helen Little FDN SC 81 9796

St John's College- Brother Paul Brooks MSC 81 8252

ATTENTION SENIOR TERRITORIANS

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