

The open space network is the underlying framework of the Revised Draft Concept Master Plan and has been designed to create a distinctive and memorable sense of place and an attractive address. The network is based upon:

- The riparian zone of the Sandy Creek
- Potential for connectivity to the regionally significant Casuarina Coastal Reserve and to existing and future open space networks
- Conservation of beneficial vegetation, and
- The supply of local parks within a walkable distance of all residences.



Parkland and Open Space

Open space design principles include:

- Creating a central parkland as a major community focal point which provides diverse recreational opportunities, addresses the natural drainage and conserves beneficial vegetation along Sandy Creek
- Connecting with the Casuarina Coastal Reserve and beachfront to enhance habitat connectivity and coastal orientation
- Conserving major overland flow patterns
- A comprehensive pedestrian/cycling network offering a broad range of landscape experiences and convenient access to community nodes
- Incorporating highly visible local parks that offer a range of recreational opportunities and leisure experiences and enhance the overall community identity and liveability
- Protecting and enhancing indigenous vegetation and landscape qualities, including cycad conservation and relocation
- Promoting a comprehensive and integrated approach to the design of open space, conservation and storm water management with particular recognition of the proximity of Sandy Creek and the Casuarina Coastal Reserve, and
- Integrating medium density housing sites to address parks

FEEDBACK ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE INCLUDED:	OUR RESPONSE
Support for public accessibility to all parks and to Sandy Creek	Local parks are within short distances of all residences and the pedestrian/bike network conveniently links to local parks and the Sandy Creek open space. Parks will be fully accessible to the public.
The importance of ownership and sustainable management of parks	Discussions are currently underway with Darwin City Council regarding ownership and ongoing maintenance of parks. The Joint Venture is working with Council to ensure that this will be achieved in an efficient and economic manner.
Consideration of the long term care and management of parks	Parks will be designed to be water sensitive. Minimising ongoing maintenance is a major goal.
Appreciation of the inclusion of a climate-appropriate landscape scheme	Indigenous planting strategies, choice of materials and park design will address the tropical context.
Agreement on the importance of safety in the design of public spaces	The design and placement of open space has been driven by the need to ensure open, highly visible and safe recreation spaces. The Joint Venture is working with the NT Police to review the proposal from a safety perspective
Support for the concept of a cycad garden and suggestion that where possible cycads be retained in private gardens.	Cycads will be relocated to a Cycad garden in the Central Park.
The importance of quality and usable open space	The Central Parkland is designed as a community focal point that will address a variety of recreational and social needs. Neighbourhoods are structured with parks at their centre. All parks are designed to enable a range of activities to occur.
Recognition of the importance of providing 'green' links as fauna corridors	We recognise the importance of a green corridor and are currently working on this aspect of the plan.

