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This Community Open House is one event in a program of pre-lodgement consultation that includes:

- Initial stakeholder meetings and briefings to understand the key issues for community, business and government
- Stakeholder workshops – Community and Business, Government Agencies, PAn and local residents
- Local industry participation seminar to encourage the participation of local industry in the building of a new community at Lyons

- Community Open House meeting – widely advertised through flyers, local press and community networks
- Development of a project web site to provide up to date information on the project and to enable feedback
- Community Newsletters distributed widely throughout the community at a number of points during the process
- Preparation of a Consultation Outcomes Report to accompany the Master Plan and first phase development application.



Undertaking this consultation process prior to lodgement enables a range of views to be taken into account prior to the finalisation of the draft Concept Master Plan.

So far, the consultation process has revealed a number of important issues that have helped shape the refinement of the Revised Draft Concept Master Plan. Many of those comments are included in the boards displayed today.



FEEDBACK ON THE CONSULTATION PROCESS HAS INCLUDED	JOINT VENTURE COMMITMENT
Positive responses to the approach taken to consultation and an appreciation of the opportunity to contribute during the pre-lodgement stage	The Joint Venture is committed to a comprehensive program of consultation. Consultation has been commenced early in the process to enable views to be taken into consideration while the plans for Lyons are being formulated
The importance of engaging Defence families	We are working with Defence Services Organisation Defence Families Australia and other organisations. We are committed to the involvement of Defence families throughout the process
An appreciation of efforts taken to involve local residents	The consultation process recognises the importance of input from local residents. Opportunities for local resident involvement is provided through this open house (invitations sent to 4,250 local residents and advertised in the local press), community newsletters, workshops with key groups and the project web site.
Recognition of the importance of the role of the proposed community facility in addressing community needs and a willingness to be involved in its design	The consultation process will involve working with Darwin City Council and other key stakeholder groups to develop a brief for the design of the community facility.