

Consultation is seen as a first important step in a community building approach to Lyons. It is clear that the desire is for **“more than just a subdivision”** with consultation feedback showing that the social aspects of a new community at Lyons are equally as important as the physical aspects.



Lyons will be unique in that it will include a mix of Defence and non-Defence households. The integration of these two groups with each other, and with the surrounding communities, will be essential to the success of Lyons as a community.

The Community Building approach to Lyons includes:

- Ongoing Community Engagement to occur at milestones throughout the development process
- Development of a Community Plan that will identify human service needs and develop an action plan for addressing them
- Partnerships with local organisations and groups to ensure local relevance and practical delivery of programs and initiatives
- Community Development Program that will focus on the delivery of community development support through a comprehensive range of initiatives including a Welcome Program, community events, partnerships with local community development organisations and working with residents to establish programs, activities and services
- A Sustainability Education program that will provide residents with information about sustainability issues, enhance new resident understanding about the unique qualities of the local environment and foster a sense of ownership
- Indigenous participation in place making and cultural recognition.



THE FOLLOWING MATTERS HAVE BEEN RAISED	JOINT VENTURE RESPONSE
Interest from local schools on how the new community will affect local school enrolments	The Joint Venture is working with local schools (as well as training agencies) on how to best address the educational needs of the future residents of Lyons.
Recognition of the importance of high speed internet, particularly for Defence families	Together with the NT Government and Telstra we are working towards ensuring that Lyons will have Broadband access.
An appreciation of the importance of taking a proactive approach to community development	A Community Development program is being developed that will focus on providing community development support from day one of occupation.
Interest in the possibility of a child care facility on the site	The Joint Venture is open to the possibility of a child care facility on the site and will investigate this option in conjunction with the NT Government, Darwin City Council, Business and the community.
Agreement with the proposal to provide a community facility on the site	A community facility building will be completed and available for use from the time the first residents move into Lyons (to be shared initially with the Sales and Information Centre).
Interest in partnerships	The Joint Venture recognises the value of developing partnerships with local service providers, organisations and groups. The next board identifies a number of partners.
A desire for Lyons to be a sustainable community and “more than just a subdivision”	The approach to Lyons sets new standards in community development and community building and moves beyond traditional residential development practices

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