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Glyde Point Protected

The pristine coastline of Glyde Point will be preserved for all Territorians to enjoy.

The Chief Minister Clare Martin, and Planning and Environment Minister Delia Lawrie, today announced Glyde Point would be rezoned from industrial land to public open space, including a 500 metre conservation zone around Leeder's Creek.

"Glyde Point is a beautiful part of the Top End which many Territorians love and enjoy," Ms Martin said.

"It was earmarked for heavy industrial development - that won't happen now and rezoning the area will ensure Glyde Point remains in pristine condition."

Minister Lawrie said Glyde Point had significant conservation values and was worth protecting.

"Glyde Point is adjacent to the conservation areas of Gunn Point and Leeder's Creek, the area boasts diverse marine life and virtually untouched flora and fauna only 50 kilometres from Darwin."

Ms Martin said it made sense to protect Glyde Point and develop the gas industry at Middle Arm Peninsula.

"Middle Arm is supported by existing infrastructure like the railway and East Arm Port and is close to similar industry."

Ms Lawrie said that in contrast, developing Glyde Point would need substantial and costly infrastructure works.

"This is a practical way to balance environmental protection and development in the greater Darwin region."

The required amendment to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme will be displayed for public comment for a month from today.

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