

SOCI Land & Economic Futures Charter

Commonwealth Actions

The overarching Actions required from the Commonwealth Government as a whole to expedite land release and stimulate economic growth on CI are:

- a. Blanket EPBC Strategic Assessment of all untenured Crown Land outside the National Park deemed potentially permitted for development in accordance with and subject to the zoning requirements of the Town Planning Scheme No.2 (TPS 2);
- b. Derive from the Assessment a mechanism to collect financial contribution from future developments for the specific purpose of maintaining and enhancing the island's environment.
- c. Whole of Island basalt mapping to define aquifers and underground streams to align with Planning Approval requirements in terms of water protection and potential future extraction where appropriate;
- d. Whole of Island limestone mapping to define cave formations and areas potentially dangerous for development;
- e. Removal of cabotage restrictions for CI-CKI International flights originating from our immediate northern region i.e. Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia;
- f. Upgrade of the CI runway, terminal and fire safety arrangements to: align with CASA and International aviation standards, improve reliability of air services, accommodate future larger aircrafts and adequately respond to patronage growth potentially driven by tourism, higher education & research, niche agri-business export and possibly defence;
- g. Support the introduction of CI visas with condition of no-entry to mainland Australia to facilitate and encourage access of foreign tourists, students, educators & researchers and
- h. Reinvestment in the CI economy all proceeds associated with Crown Land release.

Shire of Christmas Island Policies

The overarching Shire Policies that exist or can be introduced in the planning instruments in support of the orderly and sustained economic development of CI are:

- i. Extraction of viable phosphate deposits required to occur prior to and in anticipation of any public or private future development in particular in the Rural and Urban Development zones under the TPS 2;
- j. Access to all exhausted mining areas for economic development purposes;
- k. Support the re-use of existing vacant buildings, facilities & infrastructures in preference to new developments of comparative size;
- l. Environmental contribution imposed on new development to maintain, sustain and enhance the island's environment. Utilisation of environmental offsets and creation of environmental corridors when appropriate;
- m. New developments to maximise carbon neutrality with adequate on-site generation of solar and wind power to supply buildings as well as the anticipated and supported utilisation of electric vehicles on the Island.
- n. Support, on a case by case basis, low impact tourism development in the Rural Zone of the TPS2 when mining has ceased in a specific and favourable area and
- o. Encourage economic development on CI including under the auspices of the *Singapore-Australia Strategic Comprehensive Partnership* in economic sectors such as finance, defence, logistics, tourism, education, trade, socio-cultural advancement and workforce free movement.