

GREEN BELT PLAN FOR DUMP AT LUDMILLA

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It is almost certain Darwin City Council will take over three areas along Namarluk Drive and turn them into a "green belt" of parks, playing fields and gardens.

The land has been offered by the Department of the Northern Territory

It is expected the council will formally accept responsibility for the land when it meets tomorrow night.

The three areas are the site of the garbage dump; a strip extending from just past Balyun St. to the end of Namarluk Drive; and a triangle formed by the rear boundaries of Richardson Park, Darwin Special School and along part of Namarluk Drive to Balyun St.

The chairman of the parks and reserves committee, Alderman Grant Tambling, said there were three conditions to the agreement.

He said the council would be responsible for all further reclamation work

And it would restrict the development to parkland and "passive" recreation.

"No organised sporting activities which might attract large numbers of spectators would be allowed in the area," said Alderman Tambling.

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Illustration 13, above left: The Darwin City Council was expected to accept an offer by the Dept of the NT to 'take over' the dump area and two other areas. Alderman Grant Tambling said development in the three areas would be restricted to parkland and "passive" recreation". Objections to the move came from the Kulaluk land claimants (see letter on next page). Clipping from *NT News*, September 24, 1974, page 7.

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Get moving on camp - Collins

Labor leader Mr Bob Collins wants the parties involved to "get their act together" and move towards the establishment of a transient camp in the Kulaluk area.

He said the matter had been dragging on for years and any further delays could lead to problems at existing camps.

Existing camps were overcrowded and new accommodation was needed close to the city for Aborigines visiting relatives, shopping or receiving medical treatment.

Mr Collins said the Gwalwa Daraniki Association's plan to locate a camp on the west side of Dick Ward Drive was the most desirable.

This site was less confined than an alternative site on the east side of Dick Ward Drive and had the added attraction of being close to the sea and not bounded by roads.

The association has proposed that the camp be built on the old Ludmilla garbage tip site using Community Development Department funds.

Illustration 14, above: By 1983, pressure was mounting to build Aboriginal housing on the vacant land fill site. The land returned to Larrakia in 1979 was seen as a convenient dumping ground for homeless visitors to the city. As reported, the Gwalwa Daraniki Association, under the new leadership, "proposed that the camp be built on the old Ludmilla garbage tip site using Community Development