

1994/95 DRAFT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

SPONSOR PRIORITY DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE \$000	SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION				CAB. SUB. \$000
		DESIRABLE \$000	DELETE \$000	DEFER \$000		

1 Alice Springs - Desert Wildlife Park and Botanic Gardens

14 000

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SCOPE OF WORK: Complete services and construct Stage 1 of the visitor displays including habitat development, depot and support services; Visitor Centre, displays and interpretation.

SPONSOR JUSTIFICATION: Provide a new attraction for international, interstate and local visitors. The park will provide significant regional tourism, employment, and economic benefits as well as performing an important conservation, educational, and research role.

OTHER COSTS: **Acquisition** - Title held by Conservation Land Commission.
Staffing - \$0.35M 1994/95, \$0.5M 1995/96, \$0.5M 1996/97.
Other - Initial fitout \$0.2M 1994/95; \$0.3M 1995/96; \$0.3M 1996/97. R&M 2% of capital from 1997.

COMMENT: Approval in the 1993/94 Design List was \$2.1M for completion of services. The current estimate of \$14M relates to the next phase of the project, being visitor displays. Within the \$14M, \$2M is being allocated to the completion of services.

The Park's masterplan will be submitted to Cabinet in March 1994. The anticipated opening of the Park is 1996.

This project is supported at \$2.1M per year, comparable with the Territory Wildlife Park. A Cabinet Submission to accelerate the project is being prepared and such acceleration should be supported providing funding is available.