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MINISTER FOR LANDS, PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ADVOCATE FOR BETTER CITIES NAMED AS NT GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT

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Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment, Peter Chandler, today announced the appointment of Professor Lawrence Nield as Northern Territory Government Architect.

“Professor Nield is a leading practitioner and academic.

“He is a person of national eminence who will provide exceptional advice for the development, design and standards of our urban environment and public spaces.

“One of his special interests is the design of public buildings and creating master plans for the design of cities and campuses.

“Professor Nield is also raising awareness for ventilation in city streets to reduce temperatures, something that is well suited to the Territory climate.

“He is an advocate for building better cities and adopts an environmental approach to architecture and planning.”

Professor Nield was awarded the 2012 Australian Institute of Architects Gold Medal, the highest honour bestowed by the institute.

He holds academic and teacher positions at several universities and is respected for his work in hospital planning, sports playing facilities and educational facilities.

“Mr Nield has been involved with architectural planning for bids and plans for Olympic Games, and was the Head of Masterplanning for the Sydney Olympic Games,” Mr Chandler said.

Professor Nield will work with the Government and the Planning Commission.

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