Expressions of Interest are being sought for:

**Mobile food van operations at Rapid Creek and Dripstone Cliffs**
Helping develop ‘healthy parks, healthy people’

The evidence is clear and far-reaching, spending time in the natural environment is good for your mind, body and soul.

Introduction
Casuarina Coastal Reserve is managed by the Northern Territory Department of Tourism and Culture.

The Department is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from appropriately qualified and experienced organisations or individuals to operate small scale mobile food van operations to complement the visitor facilities and values of Casuarina Coastal Reserve, and enhance visitors’ use, access and enjoyment of the area.

Background
Casuarina Coastal Reserve has kilometres of unspoilt beaches with endless views of the beautiful coastline.

Fringed by dramatic cliffs and sweeping Casuarina trees, it’s an ideal spot for a picnic, a game of beach cricket or to watch the sunset.

The Reserve is an important conservation zone, protecting coastal habitats including patches of woodlands, monsoon forests, mangroves and paperbarks between the estuaries of Rapid Creek and Buffalo Creek.
The beach areas, especially near Buffalo Creek, are important resting and feeding areas for migratory wading birds and marine turtle nests on the beach.

This is Larrakia country and the Larrakia people maintain links with the land. Its sacred and significant sites include Darriba Nungalinya (Old Man Rock), visible at low tide from Dripstone Cliffs lookout.

The Reserve, located only 15km from Darwin City, is a much loved area of the Top End. It is Darwin’s premier urban reserve, attracting over 900,000 visitors annually.

The Reserve covers approximately 1,361 hectares and many people use the area for exercise, walking with their dog, cycling or simply to escape to the bush or the beach. The Reserve is also very popular with recreation, sporting and community groups.

**Mobile food van operations**

Proposals are being sought from mobile food van operators to provide high-quality food and non-alcoholic beverages during suitable times, on two to four days per week.

Two locations within the Dripstone Cliffs car parking area and one location within the Rapid Creek car parking area will be available for mobile food van operations. Permits will be issued for terms of one, three, six or twelve months.

The style of mobile food van operation, the food and beverages on offer and all materials used will, where possible, reflect the location being within a protected area.

For example, plates, cutlery, bottles and cups should be made from reusable or recyclable materials, take-away products should be packaged in recyclable materials, and ‘land-fill’ type waste should be a minimal by-product of the operation.

In addition to the regular mobile food operations permitted at Dripstone Cliffs and Rapid Creek, the Department may issue permits for other mobile food operations for events.
Locations
Commercial operations on the Reserve will be subject to approval by the Department and will be restricted to sites at:

• Rapid Creek
• Dripstone Cliffs

Further Considerations
Some operations may require additional consents or other registration, authority, licences or permits. Proponents will be required to meet all such requirements at their own cost prior to commencing any operations on the Reserve. Other business requirements will be essential to comply with the laws of the NT and relevant information should be included in the proposal.

Use of generators may be permitted where the proponent demonstrates they will not cause any unreasonable disturbance or inconvenience to park visitors or local residents.

Proponents will be required to demonstrate how they will provide services having regard to public safety, conservation of the natural environment, maintaining aesthetic values and compatibility with the objectives of the Reserve.

Proposals responding to the EOI must be submitted on the approved form and in accordance with the approved format for proposals.

Mandatory Site Inspection
To assist proponents with preparation of their EOI proposals, a mandatory onsite briefing and site inspection will be held. Attendance at the site briefing and inspection is a prerequisite for eligibility to submit an EOI.

Please contact Ms Joy Eggenhuizen to confirm attendance on 7 February 2019.

Where: Casuarina Coastal Reserve
When: 7 February 2019
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Responses to the EOI are required by 20 February 2019.

For further information about this opportunity, requirements and process please visit www.nt.gov.au/tenders