



Townsville Chamber of Commerce

Making Business Connections

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Letter to the Editor

I write in response to a letter published on 8 November 2010, where a resident of Townsville expressed his opinion regarding the lack of variety in specialty shopping in the CBD.

There are 236 businesses in the area between Denham and Sturt Streets, Stanley and Ogden Street and inclusive of Flinders Street. There are 38 businesses on Flinders Street East alone.

The majority of those businesses are from the retail sector, including 33 fashion shops, 28 restaurants and cafes, 17 health and beauty outlets and 9 places related to art and culture. There are also 77 professional services, from accounting firms to occupational therapists.

The redevelopment of the CBD is much more than re-opening Flinders Street to traffic. It is about creating a vibrant centre for residents, workers, visitors and businesses. The Townsville Chamber of Commerce recognises this and is an active participant in the development of stimulus for the city centre for the betterment of the broader Townsville community including those who work in the CBD.

The high number of businesses in a compact area provides an opportunity to visit and support the wide-ranging retail and commercial offer currently available and the emerging mix of cultural, recreational and social services and facilities that make it the CBD.

We extend an invitation to Mr Garth and the residents of Townsville to re-discover what the CBD has to offer. We believe that finding a parking space will be no trouble at all.

Regards

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President