



# darwin city waterfront

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Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre

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## Transformation

Stage one of the Darwin City Waterfront development, from 2005 to 2007, includes most of the public buildings and spaces. It will see the Darwin City Waterfront transformed from a largely run down industrial waste land to a destination draw card for locals, business travellers and tourists alike.

The development, a major attraction, will fully integrate with the CBD creating a permanent population of restaurants, cafes and bars. Bringing life to the area, it will establish a family-friendly gathering place by day or night.

### Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre

At present, Darwin is unable to attract many large events because it lacks an indoor facility large enough to cater for them. The world-class, multi-purpose Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre will:

- attract tourists, conventions and businesses;
- directly and indirectly create on-going jobs through the construction and operation of the Centre;
- increase tourism expenditure by an estimated \$190 million over 20 years (in today's dollars); and
- create a stimulus to the CBD by bringing people in to the city via the proposed walkway connecting the Waterfront with Smith Street and the Esplanade.



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### Function & Flexibility

A key feature of the Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre will be its ability to adapt to cater for most requirements. It has been designed to provide extensive areas able to adapt to accommodate a wide range of activities. It will also be equipped with state of the art, cutting edge technology.

### First Conference Confirmed

In conjunction with the Northern Territory Police, the Northern Territory Convention Bureau has successfully bid and won the right to host the 2008 International Association of Women's Police conference. This conference alone will attract around 700 delegates to Darwin over six nights.

### By Day & By Night

Conferences and business tourism are high yield segments of the tourism industry. By combining a stunning tropical destination with entertainment and attractions to cater for all tastes, the Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre offers it all. Big conventions mean big budgets for catering, excursions, restaurants and entertainment. The Darwin Convention & Exhibition Centre will help Darwin attract the large groups that currently by-pass the Territory, impacting directly on demand for accommodation.



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## Community Asset

The Darwin City Waterfront and Convention & Exhibition Centre development will be a community asset which will attract Darwin residents, Territorians and tourists to a world-class, vibrant and sophisticated waterfront precinct. The development will draw on our tropical environment, and give people ownership of the water's edge.

## Revitalising Darwin

A bustling waterfront and the new Convention & Exhibition Centre will act as a magnet, drawing people into the CBD to shop, eat out and take visitors. Residents and tourists alike will move together between the Waterfront and CBD. Easy pedestrian access will be provided, linking the Waterfront and Smith Street with the Esplanade, and there will be improved vehicle access with car parking exceeding Darwin City Council recommendations. Increased public transport opportunities to and within the site will also benefit everyone.

## Economic Boost

The Darwin City Waterfront and Convention & Exhibition Centre development will drive economic growth, create jobs for locals and be an important addition to our great Territory lifestyle. It is estimated that \$260 million will be injected into the local economy over the first three years, generating about 1000 jobs along the way. Strengthening the Territory's construction and tourism industries, the development will also increase tourism expenditure by an estimated \$190 million over the next 20 years.

## Public Space

In all, 40 per cent of the total revitalized waterfront area will be public space. There will be a variety of water-based activities and family-friendly parks with shade trees and palms, barbecue and picnic areas, lighting, bike and walking tracks, water bubblers, a children's playground, toilet blocks, beach and open entertainment facilities.

In just a few years, at the completion of stage one of the Waterfront development, you will be able to walk for nearly two kilometers around a waterfront promenade. The promenade, which is one of the many open areas incorporated into the project for public use, will be a place where people can walk, jog or cycle along the water's edge at any time of day or night.

## Environmental Assessment

In recognition of the industrial nature of the site an exceptional level of environmental assessment and monitoring has been carried out and will continue throughout the proposed project. Two main contaminants have been identified, stemming from previous oil and ore storage.

## Site Clean Up

A Remediation Action Plan (RAP) has been developed and will be finalised and signed off by the Auditor for Contaminated Land prior to commencement of construction works. The RAP includes detailed instructions to ensure that the required level of site clean-up is achieved and appropriate environmental controls for contaminated land and water are enforced.

## Independent Specialist

Dr. Peter Nadebaum, GHD Pty. Ltd., has been appointed as the Auditor for Contaminated Land. As an independent specialist he will direct decontamination operations to ensure there are no remaining threats to public health or the environment. He says there are encouraging aspects in relation to the projects environmental work required, as the hydrocarbon contaminated materials identified are less volatile and less toxic than fuel products found at service stations.

### Stage One Development

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Art Markets        | 14 Swimming Pools        |
| 2 Water Garden       | 15 Safe Swimming         |
| 3 BBQ/Picnic Area    | 16 Wave Pool             |
| 4 Sculpture Walk     | 17 Lifeguard Tower       |
| 5 Marker Tower       | 18 Kiosk/Cafe            |
| 6 Seating Terraces   | 19 Children's Playground |
| 7 Food Market Stalls | 20 Waterfront Promenade  |
| 8 Water Sports       |                          |
| 9 Amphitheatre       |                          |
| 10 Beach Umbrellas   |                          |
| 11 Beach Volleyball  |                          |
| 12 Retail Promenade  |                          |
| 13 Casual Seating    |                          |

## Tropical Paradise

A major feature of the Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment will be an integrated wave pool, swimming lagoon and wading pool. Surrounded by beach, gardens and spectator viewing areas this tropical paradise will be crocodile and stinger-free, providing safe, family-friendly year-round swimming.

## Surf's Up

A wave pool suitable for competitive and family fun will enable activities such as surfing, training and education, catering for locals and tourists.

## Sea Wall

All buildings and structures within the Darwin City Waterfront development site will be designed to meet the stringent requirements of the Building Code of Australia and Australian Wind Code. The sea wall, which will capture a permanent water body to disguise the unsightly and unusable mudflats, has been specifically designed to protect the entire site from a 1:100 storm surge. For additional protection, floor levels throughout the site will also be at or above the 1:1000 year surge zone level.



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## Further Information

For more detailed information about environmental or planning matters there is an Environmental and Planning Processes information pack available under Archive / The Environment on the Waterfront website.

To view the masterplan model, or review information about the Darwin City Waterfront and Convention & Exhibition Centre development, why not visit the Display Office at Casuarina Shopping Centre or the Waterfront website.

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