



# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 29 November 2022**

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Tuesday, 29 November 2022**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

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**Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer**

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Darwin Living Lab will be in attendance

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION****13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SALE OF WALKWAY 239, COCONUT GROVE****Common No.:****Attachments:** Nil

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 November 2022, I will move the following motion:-


**MOTION**

1. THAT Council endorse officers to continue the process to sell walkway 239, Coconut Grove.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate the terms and conditions for the sale of walkway 239, Coconut Grove.
3. THAT Council write to the Minister for Local Government to seek approval to permanently close walkway 239, Coconut Grove.
4. THAT a report is presented to Council prior to the sale of walkway 239, Coconut Grove presenting the outcomes of the sale negotiations.
5. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**REASON:**

Walkway 239 in Coconut Grove has been closed for over 10 years at the request of residents and previously only provided access to a single street. Ratepayers continue to incur costs to maintain the closed walkway with no identified alternative use for the land that would benefit residents. With no resident objections received during consultation on the potential sale of the land, Council should proceed with the process to sell the walkway land and reinvest the proceeds in community infrastructure that will benefit everyone.

Signed by me at Darwin this 17 November 2022

**COUNCILLOR ED SMELT**

## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

In this section information is provided by officers to facilitate decision-making:

- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Completed
External consultant advice	Valuation and Survey General reports required
Legal advice / litigation	Lawyer to complete sale contract
Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	Total time estimated at 2-4 days of property officers time spent over the course of 4 weeks (depending on Minister and external advice response time)
Budget reallocation	The motion requires staff to prepare a letter to the Minister to seek approval to proceed with the sale of this walkway. With Minister support, preparing the information required for the sale, then reporting back to Council as per Recommendations.  The budget allocation will be outlined in this report.
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	4 hours
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	30mins

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - LOT 7587 (68) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN

**Author:** Manager City Planning  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** 1. [Application](#) [↓](#)  
2. [Development Plans](#) [↓](#)  
3. [City of Darwin Letter Response](#) [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 'Development Application - Lot 7587 (68) Mitchell Street, Darwin' be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the removal of the seven on-street car parking bays in Mott Court.
3. THAT Council seeks a financial contribution for the seven bays, and that the contribution is payable to the amount detailed in Council's Car Parking Contribution Plan – Central Business Zone.
4. THAT Council approves the sunshades located in the road reserve and pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise a permit for proposed building elements over the road reserve.
5. THAT Council does not support any substation doors opening out over the City of Darwin footpath, or road reserve.
6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise all works pertaining to relocation of the Right of Way Easement through Lot 7587, aligning the easement up with the pedestrian access through the site, as approved through the development process.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council proposed Development Application PA2022/0393 at Lot 7587 (68) Mitchell Street, Darwin City (formerly known as the China Town Development site). The application proposes changes within the road reserve that require Council approval, including the removal of seven on-street car parking bays, a waiver of paying the car parking contribution, realignment of a pedestrian access easement, building elements within the road reserve and new street trees to Mitchell Street verge.

#### KEY ISSUES

- A Development Application (PA2022/0393) has been lodged for a mixed-use development comprising office and commercial tenancies in a 14 storey building with three levels of basement car parking.
- The proposed application includes building elements and other changes within the road reserve, including:
  - removal of seven on-street parking bays in Mott Court to accommodate two-way traffic on Mott Court to allow simultaneous vehicle entry and exit from the development site,

- building elements that extend over the boundary into the road reserve,
  - an awning that extends over the boundary into the road reserve,
  - new street trees along Mitchell Street, and
  - service doors to open out over the footpath.
- The road reserve is in the care, control and management of City of Darwin and therefore, Council consideration is required for these changes.

## DISCUSSION

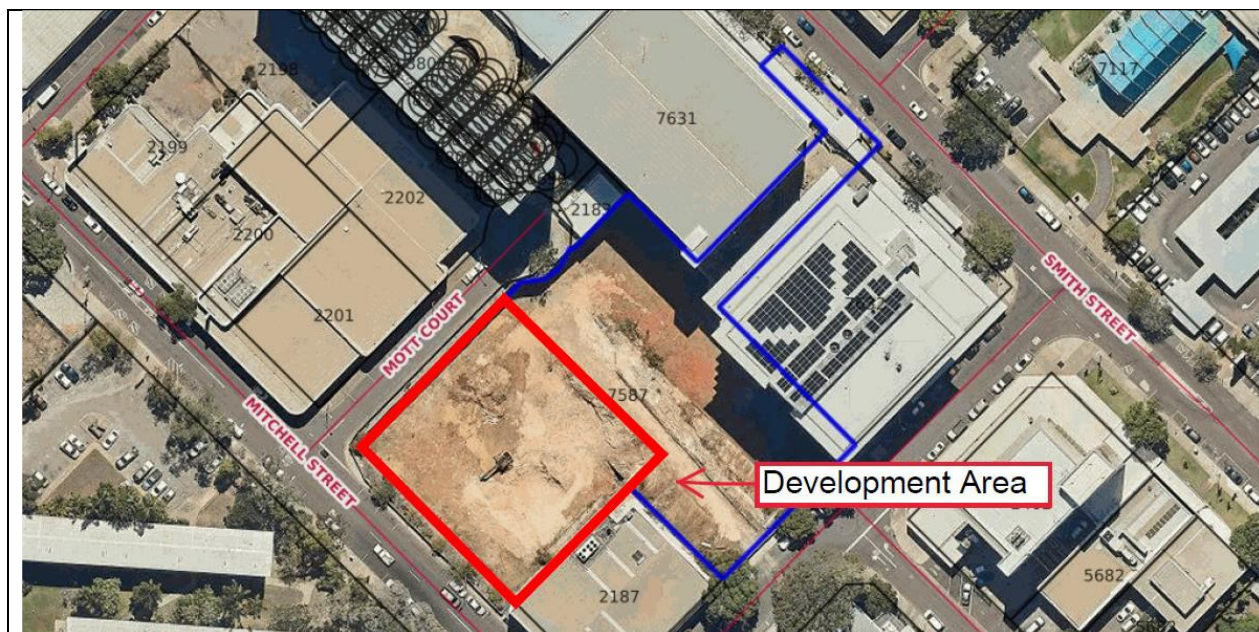
The proposed development is located on the corner of Mitchell Street and Mott Court, Darwin City. The lot is an irregular shape, 5630 square metres in area, and has frontage to Mitchell Street, Mott Court, Peel Street and Smith Street. The site has been excavated to accommodate basement parking for a previous proposal and, except for the excavation works and a solid construction fence along the four frontages, the site remains undeveloped.

### Subject Site



### Development Area – Stage 1





The property was sold in March 2021. Under new ownership, the site's development has been reinvigorated. The applicant has applied to City of Darwin (CoD) for Council approval of the elements of the development that affect the road reserve, refer **Attachment 1**. Other elements, such as the proposed awnings, reversing into the site and vehicle access are being assessed under delegation.

The proposal is for a 14 storey mixed use building, providing three levels of basement parking, accessed from Mott Court, a ground level including a lobby, two commercial tenancies with active frontages, and a plaza providing public pedestrian access from Mitchell Street through the site to Peel Street, and 12 storeys of office space. Development plans are at **Attachment 2**.

City of Darwin's response letter was submitted to Development Assessment Services on 4 November 2022, as provided in **Attachment 3**.

The proposal includes the following building elements and other works within the road reserve that require Council's consideration and approval:

#### **Removal of seven parking bays from Mott Court**

The Traffic Impact Assessment requires the removal of the seven on-street parking bays from Mott Court to safely accommodate two-way access along Mott Court to access the development site from Mitchell Street. It is also noted that initial conversations with the applicant have confirmed that the vehicle access for stage two will also be from Mott Court. If Council does not provide support for the removal of the on-street bays, then the site may have to be redesigned to allow vehicle access from either Mitchell Street or Peel Street.

The on-street car parking bays in Mott Court are located within Zone A, charged at \$2.70 per hour and have a maximum stay of two hours.

CoD officers have assessed the application and recommend that Council support the removal of the seven bays, as Mott Court is the logical location for vehicle and service access to stage 1 and stage 2 of the development.

Developers have consistently been charged the Central Business District Car Parking Contribution for the removal of on-street car parking bays due to private development.

Due to recent changes to the Development Consent Authority, the Authority can no longer condition the contribution. The Planning Act provides legislation on car parking shortfalls of a development site and not for the removal of public on-street parking bays removed as a result of development, as it is in the case of this application. CoD is now required to link any contribution to the approval and issuing of the Vehicle Access Permit and not the Development Permit.

In this instance, the landowner has, via email, requested that Council waive the requirement to pay the contribution for the seven bays due to:

- *The traffic engineer has identified that under the existing conditions, poorly parked vehicles on Mott Court will restrict vehicle movements along Mott Court to one way flow. This has the potential to create an unsafe environment for vehicles entering and exiting the existing multi storey carpark associated with the H20 development at the end of Mott Court. This safety issue will be exacerbated by the proposed development which seeks to provide access to the underground car parking area and loading bays from Mott Court:*
- *Mott Court is the lowest order street fronting the site and the placement of services along Mott Court is therefore a desirable design solution (as opposed to providing access from Mitchell Street or Peel Street which would create pedestrian safety issues and reduce the extent of active frontage).*
- *It is further noted that the existing on-street parking spaces on Mott Court are observed to have a low occupancy rate. We are therefore seeking support from Council for the removal of these seven (7) on-street parking spaces. In acknowledgement of the existing street conditions and desirable design solution proposed, I would like to request that Council waives its requirement for a parking contribution to be paid for the loss of spaces.*

*I trust that the council will support development in the city centre and will consider the removal of carparks not only as a show of support of investment in Northern Territory but significantly improve the safety for pedestrian and vehicles on Mott Court.*

To date, Council has not waived a contribution payment for loss of on-street car parking bays resulting from private development. If Council decides to waive these seven bays, Council will be required to defend any future decision not to waive the loss of on-street car parking bays resulting from private developments.

### **Building Shades over the Road Reserve**

The applicant is seeking Council's support to include sunshades that will protrude 450mm into the Mott Court road reserve at levels 1-12. The sunshades will provide articulation, reduce massing, and improve the energy efficiency of the building, as the design team are targeting a Green Star rating for the building.

The use of the road reserve to place sunshades for maximising the site for developments is becoming a regular occurrence in the Central Business District. Council recently approved a similar application in Cavenagh Street in which a permit to occupy for the encroachment into CoD airspace and over road reserve was approved.

It is recommended that Council approve the encroachment and permit the installation of the sunshades within the road reserve as this aligns with the intents of the movement strategy.

A permit to occupy is considered the most time effective solution, while ensuring all existing rights to the land are maintained, insurances are covered by the developer and a make good clause is included to allow encroachments to be removed if CoD require the airspace for any reason in the future.

As the recent approval was in March this year, and the recommendation by a valuer at that time, was to charge a fee of \$100 per square meter for the Cavenagh Street development, it is recommended that Council approve the building shades in the road reserve at the same charge of the square metre rate, based on the height of the building above the awning x protrusion x \$100.

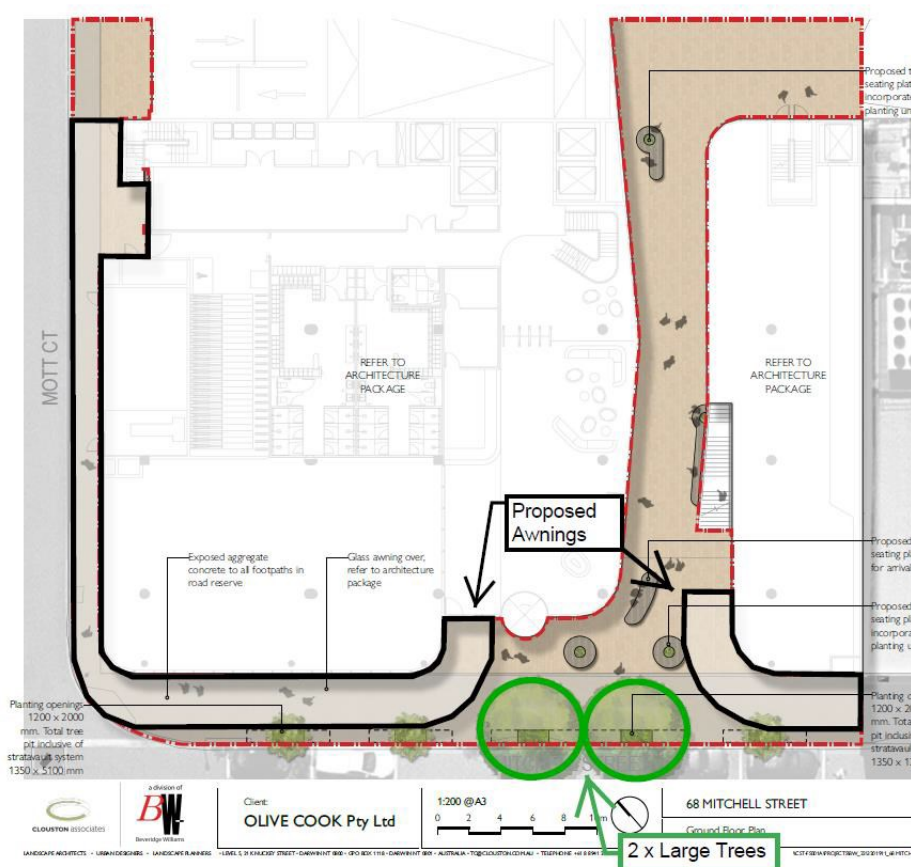
### **Awnings & Street Trees**

CoD Policy No 37 – Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Owned Land, outlines the requirements for awnings on CoD land. CoD officers have delegation to approve and issue awning permits, in accordance with this Policy.

The awnings proposed for this development will provide weather protection along Mitchell Street following the building line which will then direct pedestrians into the arcade. Two street trees will be provided in the road reserve which should provide sun protection over the entrance to the arcade between the awnings.

Changes to the Development Consent Authority decisions, as discussed above, has resulted in conditions relating to some works within the road reserve not being included in the development permit issued to the developer. The inclusion and any conditions regarding street trees is also affected, which results in City of Darwin requiring to append street tree conditions to either the vehicle access permit or awning permit. In this case, as the NT Planning Scheme requires awnings to buildings in Central Darwin to be the full extent of the site frontage, and street trees are being used to substitute a gap in the awnings, City of Darwin can apply and ensure that the trees are planted to City of Darwin requirements as part of the awning agreement.

### Awnings



### Substation Doors

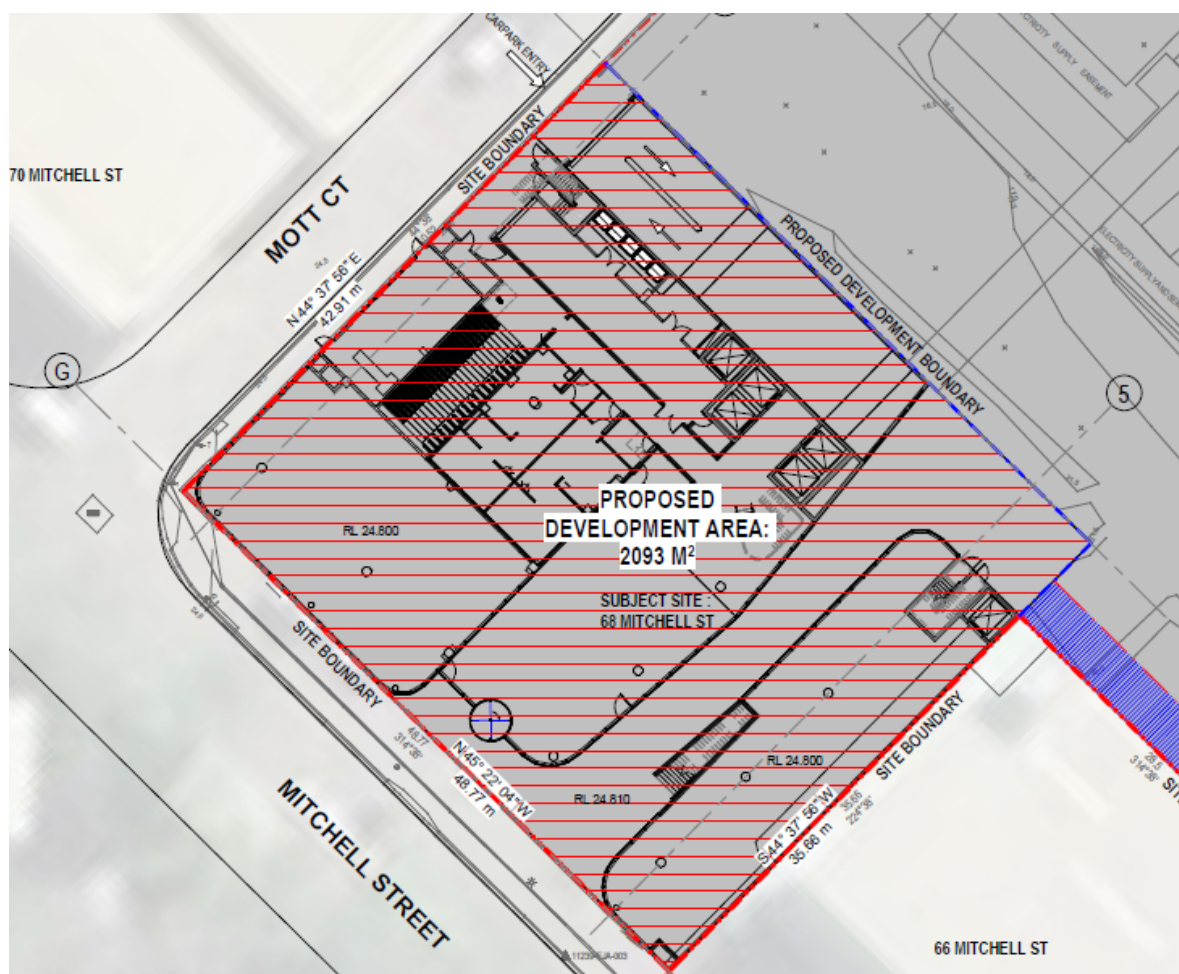
CoD regularly receive applications to allow substation doors to open out over the footpath. However, they are not generally approved as they can create a hazard to pedestrians and limit movement around the substation during works. The applicant has requested that Council consider this, as:

*The substation design is based on standard Power and Water Corporation requirements, including the requirement for public access. The relocation of the substation internally within the site was considered, however this would have impacted on the activation of the public plaza which provides important passive surveillance opportunities. Support is therefore sought from Council for the above-mentioned encroachments into the Mott Court road reserve.*



It is recommended that Council does not support the substation doors opening out over the City of Darwin footpath, or road reserve.

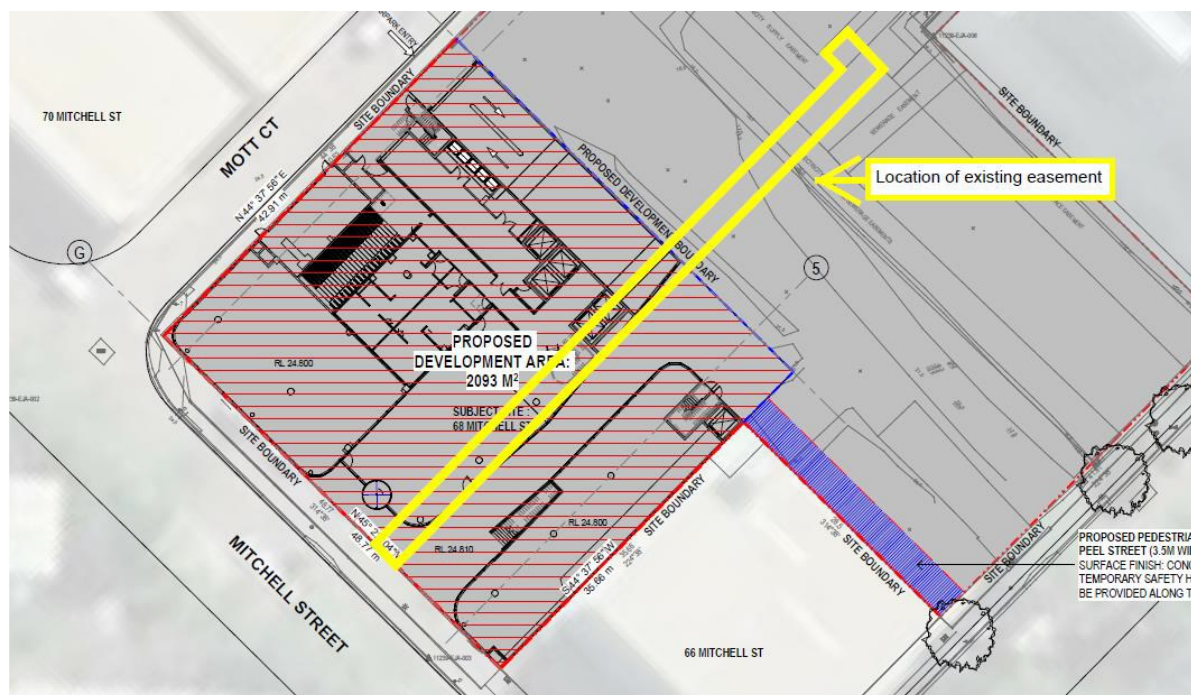
It is noted that substation doors were permitted in the Cavenagh application due to special merits being provided, including the width of the footpath (4.4m wide) and location near the corner of a bend, which provided additional room for pedestrians to move past the obstruction.



### Right of Way Easement

There is an existing right of way easement in favour of City of Darwin, which runs through the site, providing pedestrian thoroughfare from Mitchell Street through to Smith Street.

As the proposal doesn't align with the existing easement, the applicant is seeking Council's support to relocate the easement to align the final pedestrian path line and easement. It is expected that any works relocating the easement will not occur until stage two of the development. It is recommended that Council approve the relocation of the easement, to accommodate pedestrian access through the site as approved through the development process.

**Easement****PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

N/A

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> The 2022-23 Car Parking Contribution Central Business District Plan specifies that a contribution of \$21,647 is payable for each parking bay being removed. The contribution rate is annually adjusted. The current contribution for 7 bays is \$151,529. However, as the contributions are adjusted each year, and the applicable rate is charged at the time of payment, this amount may vary.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019.</i> <i>Planning Act 1999 and Planning Regulations 2000.</i> <b>Policy:</b> Car Parking Contribution Central Business District Plan 0037 Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property Policy 0050 Trees on Verges - Conservation Policy
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform Consultation for development is undertaken by the Development Consent Authority.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

	If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).
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18 October 2022

City of Darwin  
GPO Box 84  
Darwin NT 0801

Attention: Brian Sellers, Planning Coordinator

Dear Brian

**Proposed Works within Council Road Reserve  
68 Mitchell Street (Chinatown site)**

Thank you for meeting with the design team on Friday 14 October 2022 as part of our development application pre-lodgement meeting with Council. Following the meeting, we have prepared this submission to Council seeking approval in principle for the below mentioned works in the Mitchell Street and Mott Court road reserve as part of the proposal for a 14 storey commercial building (refer planning application PA2022/0393). A copy of the proposed Development Plans and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) are **attached**.

**Removal of Parking on Mott Court**

The TIA undertaken as part of the proposed development recommends the removal of the existing seven (7) on-street car parking spaces on Mott Court. The removal of these on-street car parking spaces will allow for safe access to existing carparking areas, and the proposed underground carparking area and loading bays as part of this development.

With regard of the removal of these parking spaces, the following comments are noted:

- The TIA suggests that under the existing conditions, poorly parked vehicles on Mott Court will restricting vehicle movements along Mott Court to one way flow. This has the potential to create an unsafe environment for vehicles entering and exiting the existing multi storey carpark associated with the H20 development at the end of Mott Court.
- This safety issue will be exacerbated by the proposed development which seeks to provide access to the underground car parking area and loading bays from Mott Court.
- Mott Court is the lowest order street fronting the site and the placement of services along Mott Court is therefore a desirable design solution (as opposed to providing access from Mitchell Street or Peel Street which would create pedestrian safety issues and reduce the extent of active frontage).

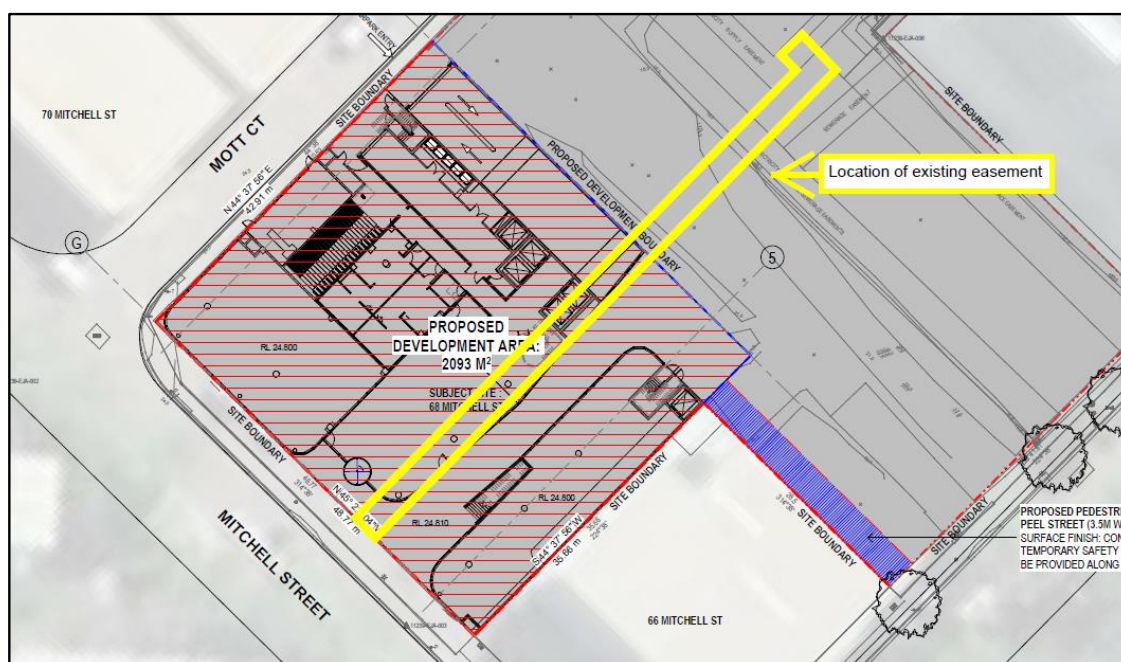
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- The existing on-street parking spaces on Mott Court are observed to have a low occupancy rate.

With consideration to the points raised above, and to facilitate safe and desirable outcomes, it is requested that Council give consideration to supporting the removal of on-street car parking along Mott Court.

### Relocation of Right of Way Easement

There is an existing right of way easement to Council which runs through the site from Mitchell Street. The subject easement connects to a light and airspace easement to create a pedestrian access through the site to Smith Street. It is requested that Council agree in principle to relocate this easement to align with the public plaza provided as part of the proposal (refer below). The development plans attached hereto demonstrate the provision of a clear, active and vibrant pedestrian connection through the site, facilitating future connection from Mitchell Street to Smith Street as part of the future development stages, and ensuring the intent behind the easement is incorporated into the proposal.

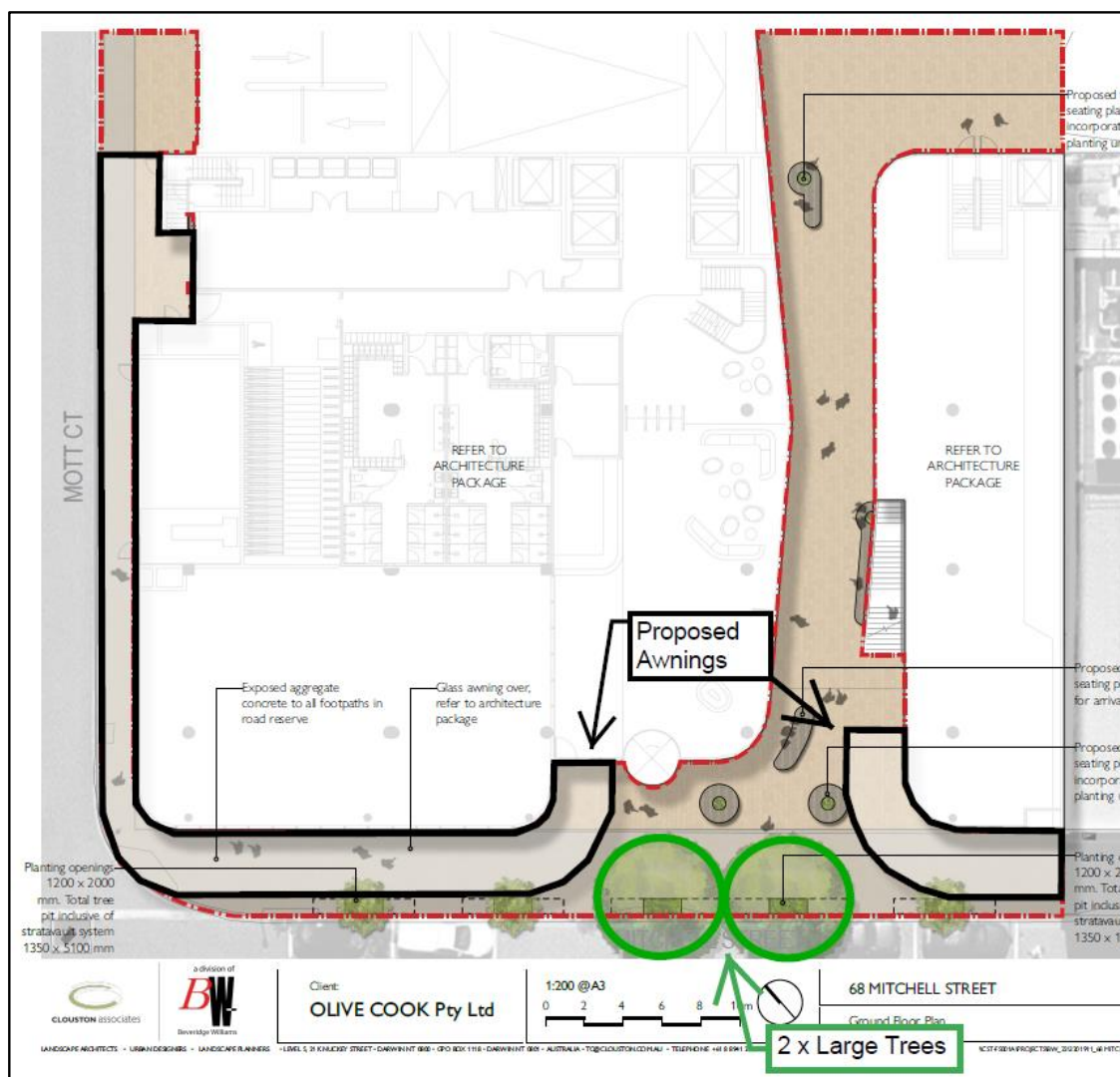


### Street Trees and Awnings

The proposed awning and street tree arrangement is shown in the figure on the following page. A glass awning along the Mitchell Street and Mott Court frontages is provided at the mezzanine level, converging on either side of the covered public plaza. Despite not providing a continual awning along the Mitchell Street frontage, the proposed design will allow for a continuously covered walkway whilst allow providing the opportunity for the planting and



growth of two (2) large new shade trees. This is considered to align with Council's cooling and greening priorities. Support for the proposed awning and landscaping arrangements are sought.



### Building Shades and Substation Doors

The proposed development includes sunshades that will protrude 450mm into the Mott Court road reserve at levels 1-12. These double-height shades will provide articulation, reduce massing, and improve the energy efficiency of the building. The design team are targeting a Green Star rating for the building. In addition, the Mott Court substation doors will open onto the Mott Court road reserve. The substation design is based on standard Power and Water

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Corporation requirements, including the requirement for public access. The relocation of the substation internally within the site was considered, however this would have impacted on the activation of the public plaza which provides important passive surveillance opportunities. Support is therefore sought from Council for the above-mentioned encroachments into the Mott Court road reserve.

Should you have any queries about the contents of this letter, you can contact the author on 0456635997 or at [alex@crtpc.com.au](mailto:alex@crtpc.com.au).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Deutrom'.

**Alex Deutrom**

Cunnington Rosse Town Planning and Consulting



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

68 MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN CITY

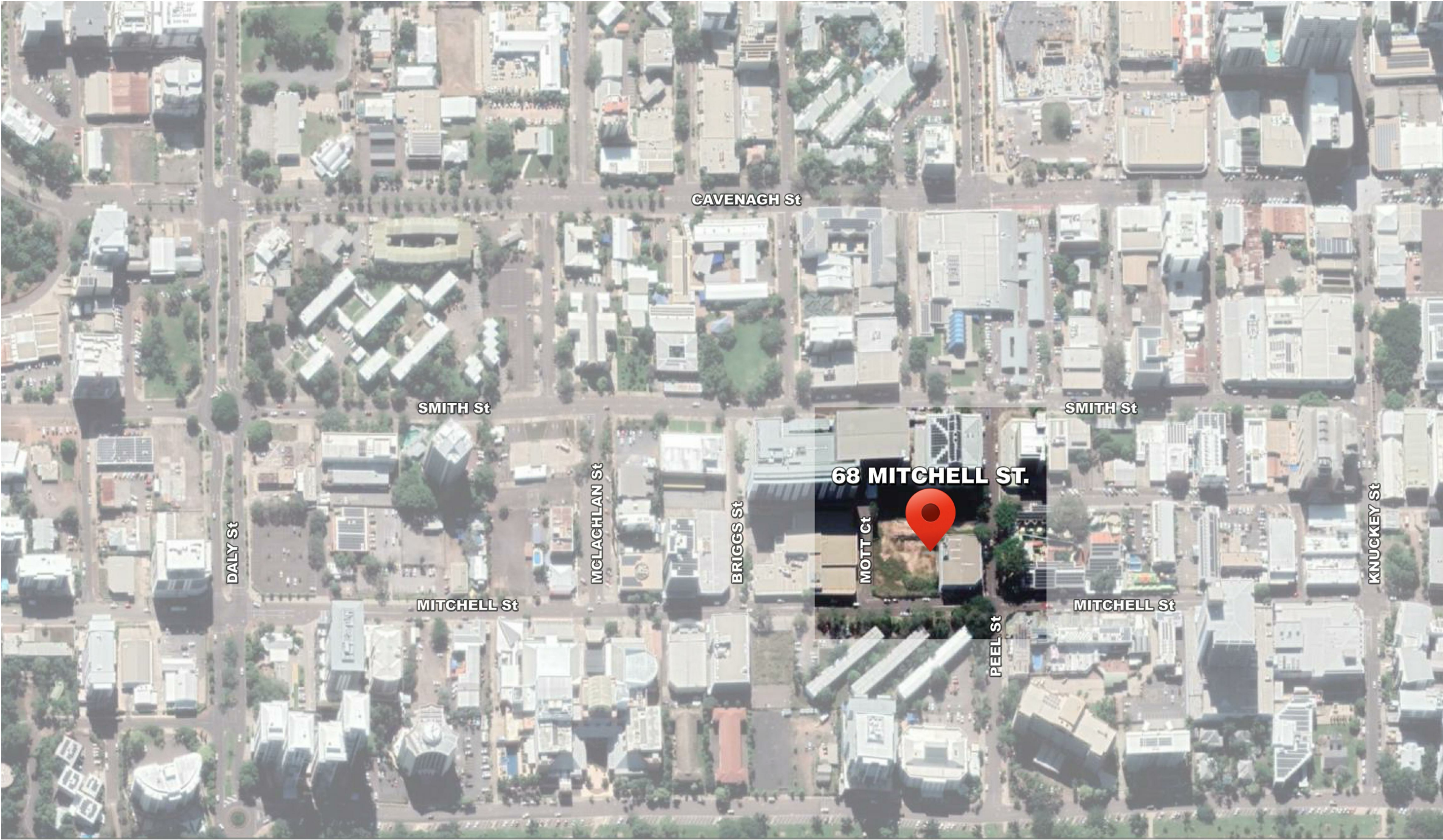
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DA101	BASEMENT 2 PLAN
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DA104	MEZZANINE LEVEL PLAN
DA105	LEVEL 01,03,05,07,09,11
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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

- NOTES:
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  3. These drawings shall not be used for construction purposes until issued by the Architect for use during construction.
  4. The architectural drawings constitute a series of diagrammatical representations intended to depict the overall scope of building works and its design intent. It is the contractor's responsibility to interpret these drawings and ensure that the design intent is fulfilled in compliance with all statutory authorities, any current Australian standard and the current edition of the N.C.C. whether explicitly noted or not.
  5. The contractor, where required to do so, shall provide shop drawings in accordance with the design intent laid out in the drawings. Any review of the shop drawings by the architect is on the basis of a cursory review only and does not relieve the contractor of their obligations under the contract to complete the works correctly and accurately.
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REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	Development Application	03/10/2022

CLIENT

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**PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
68 MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN, NT

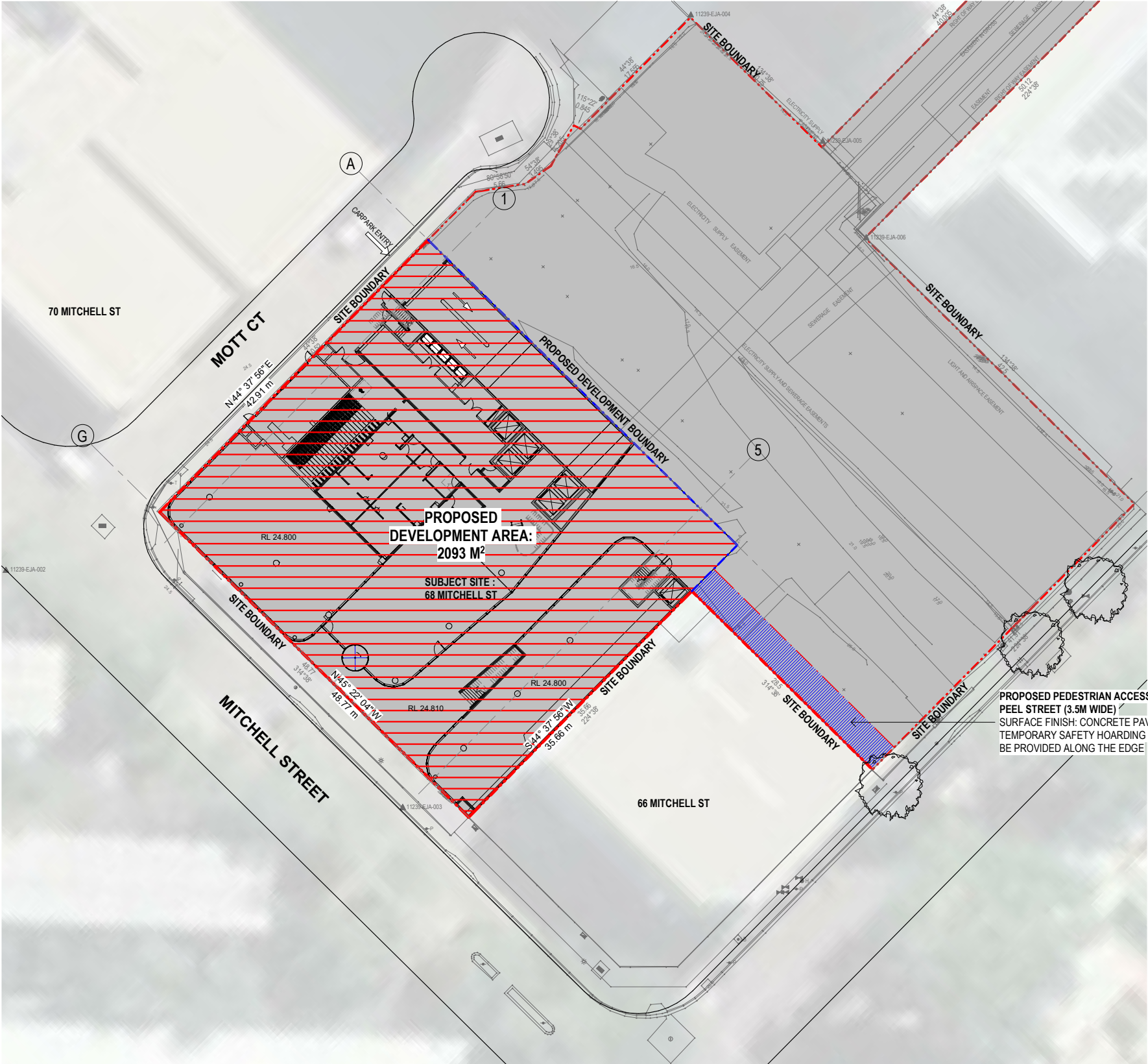
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN  
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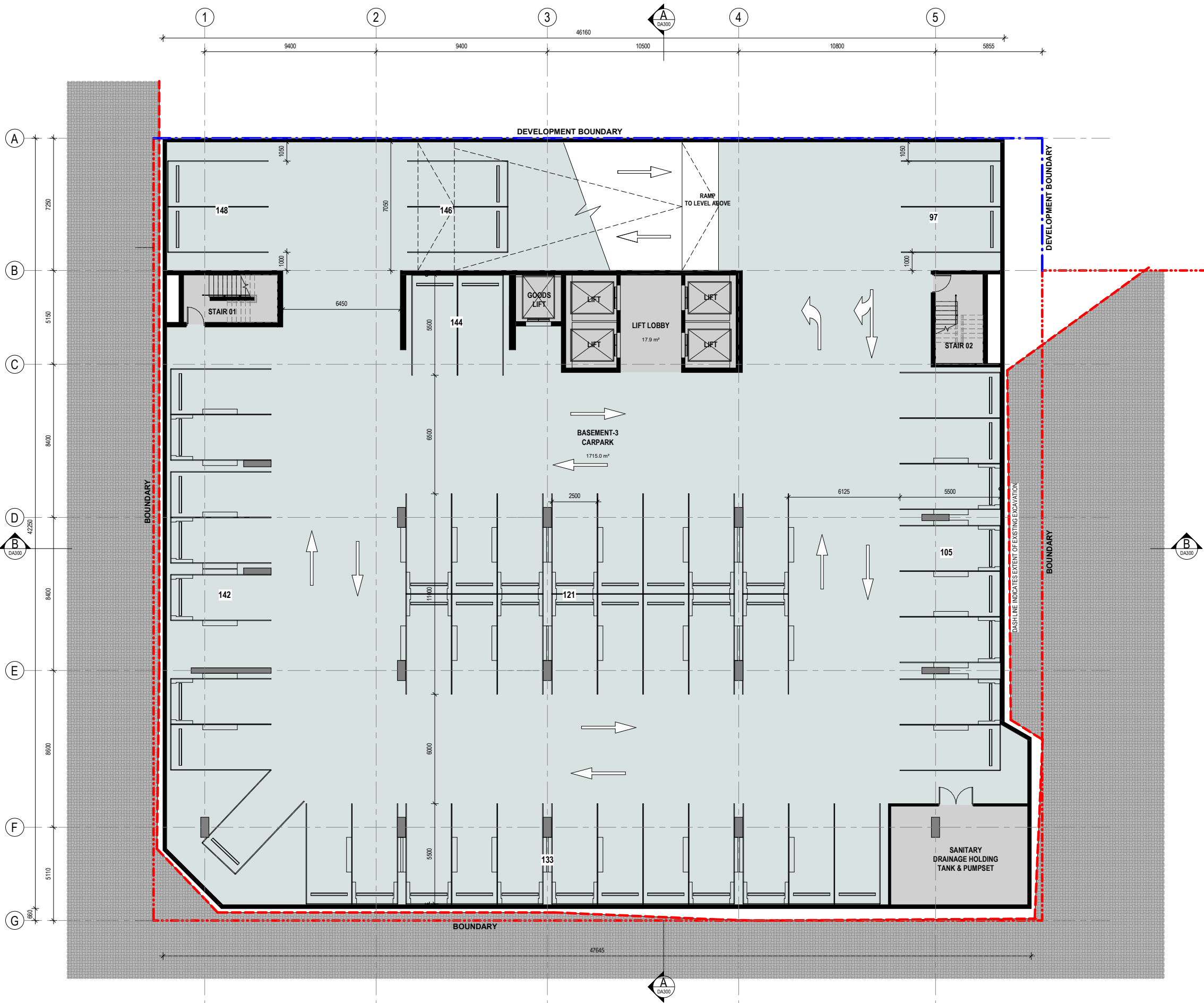
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PROJECT NO	22100
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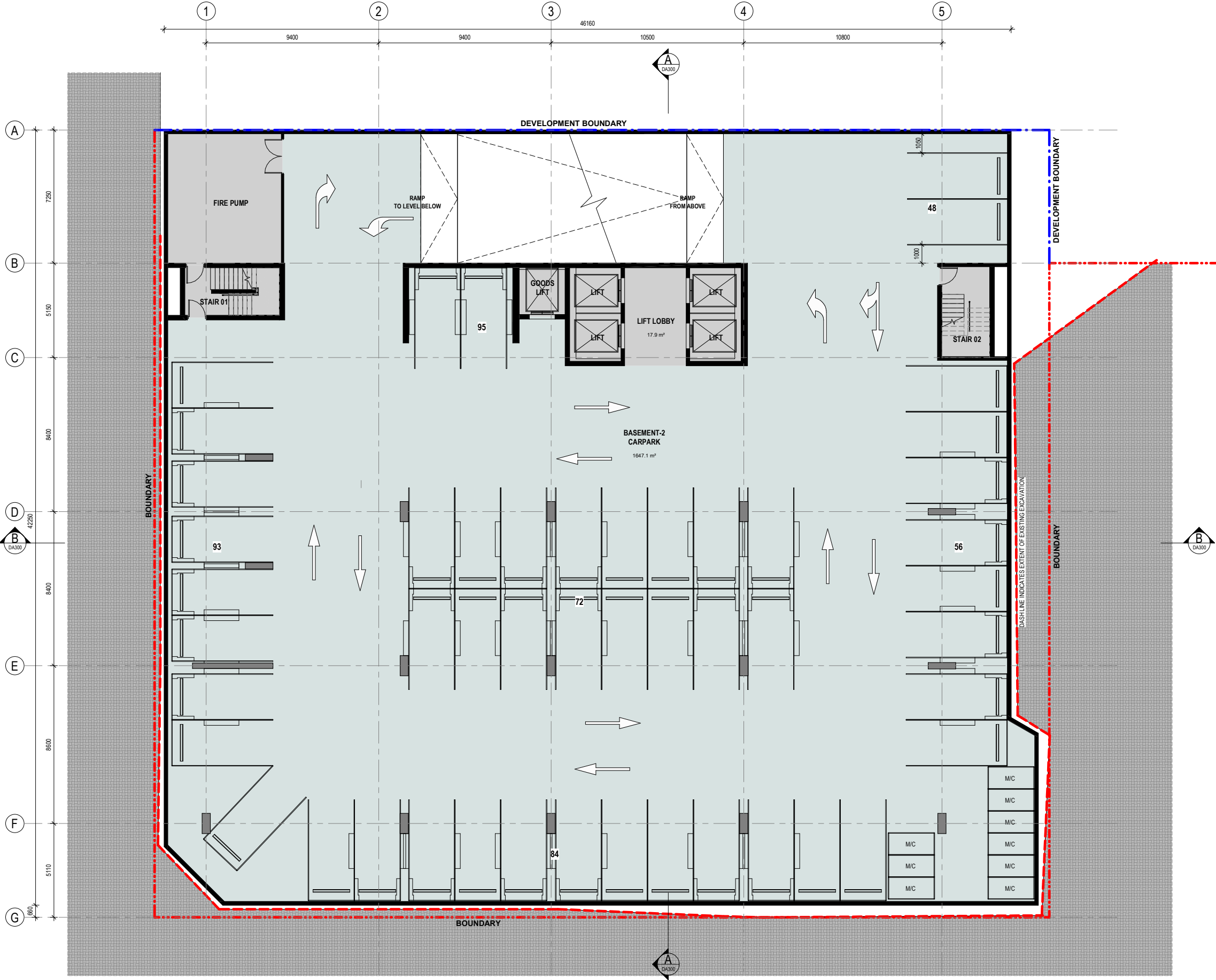
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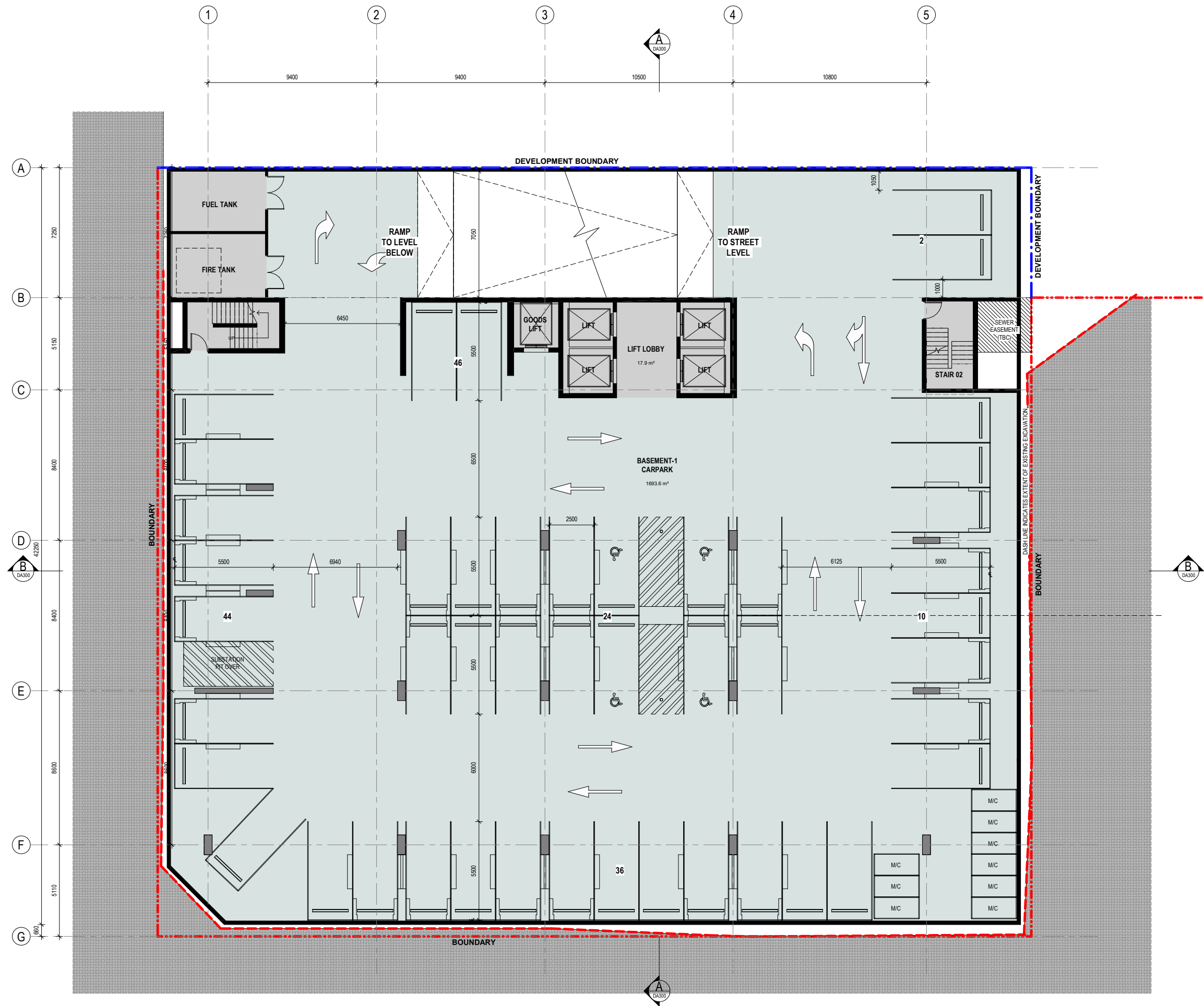
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**BASEMENT 2 PLAN**

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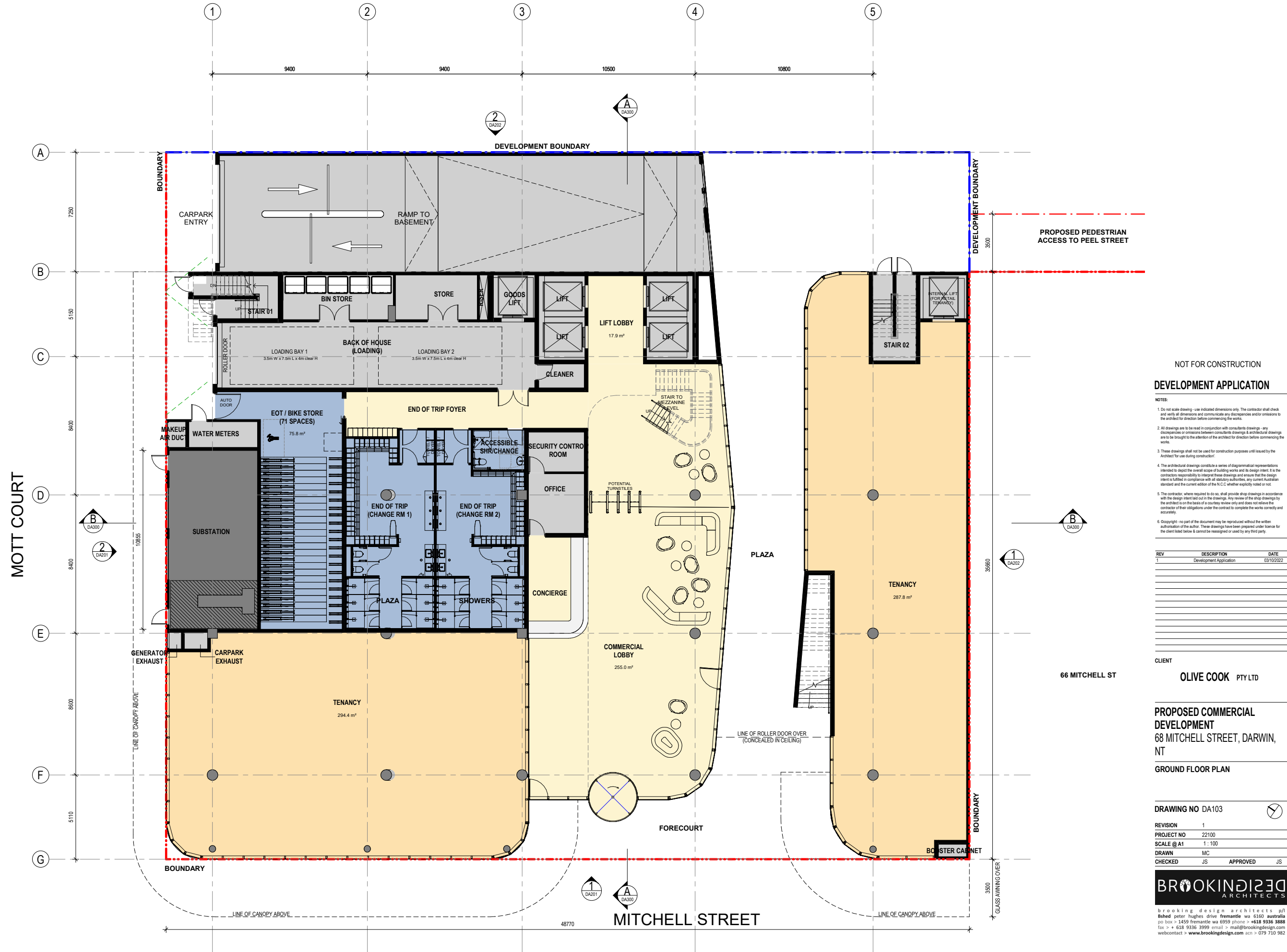
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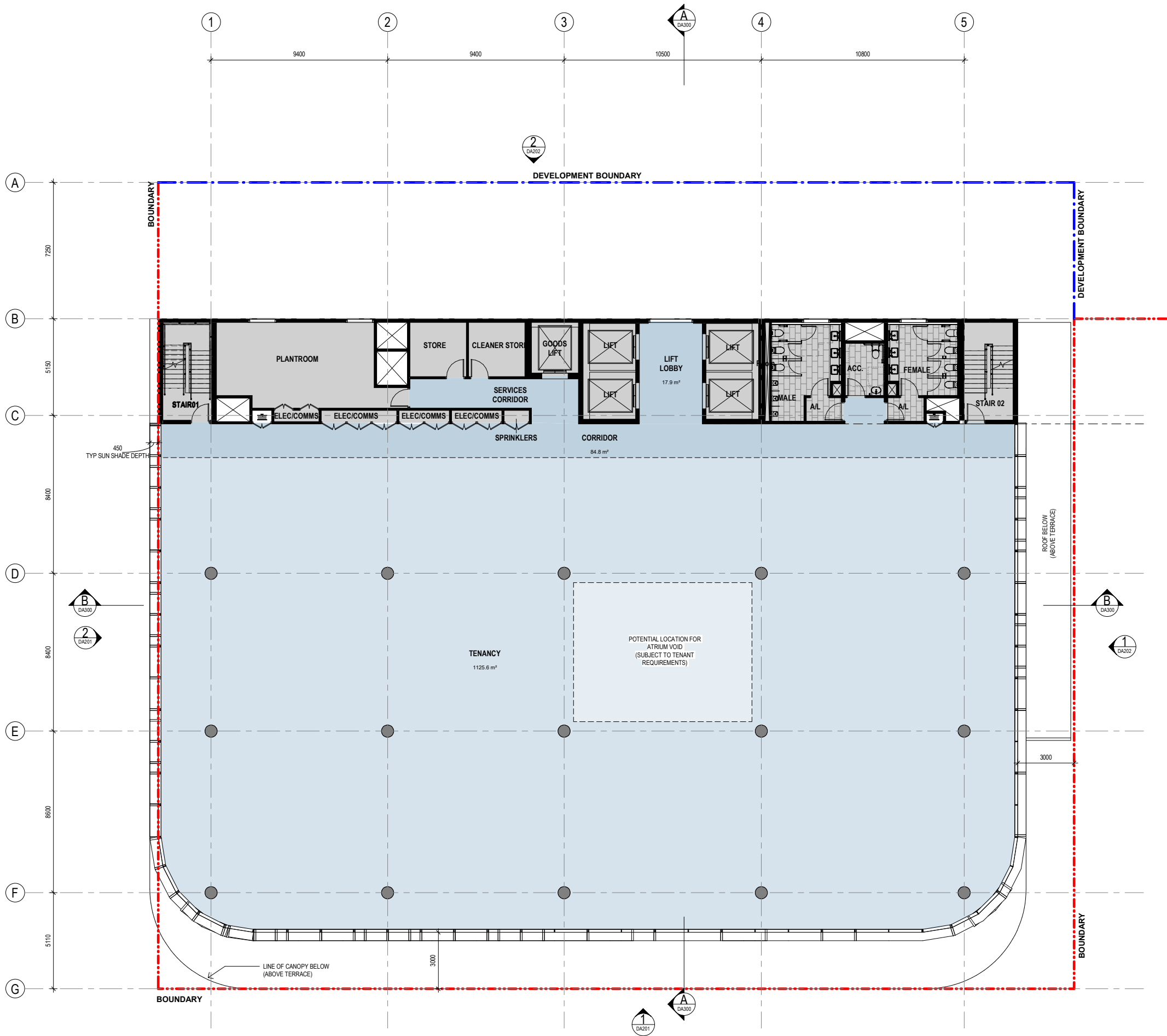
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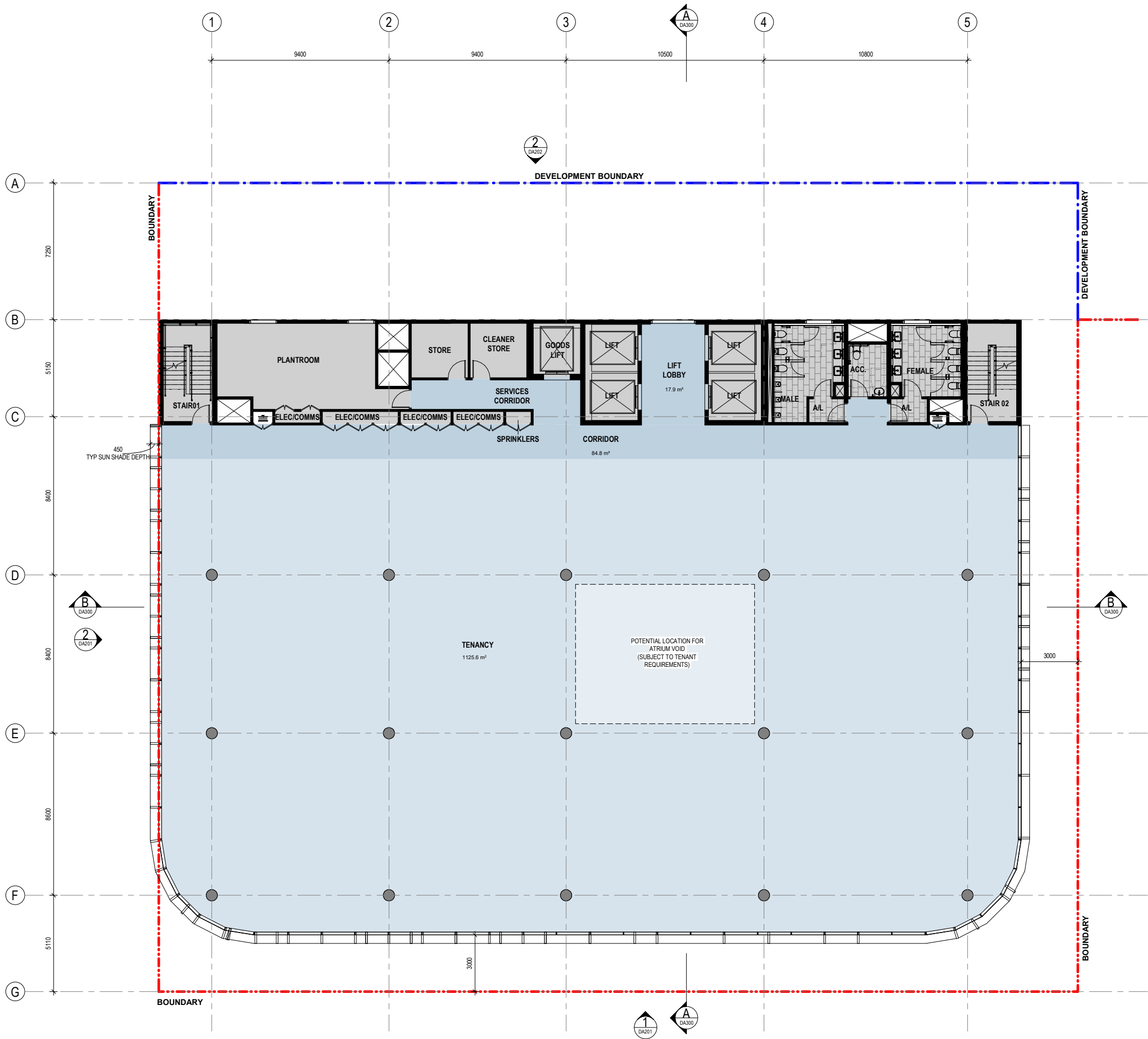
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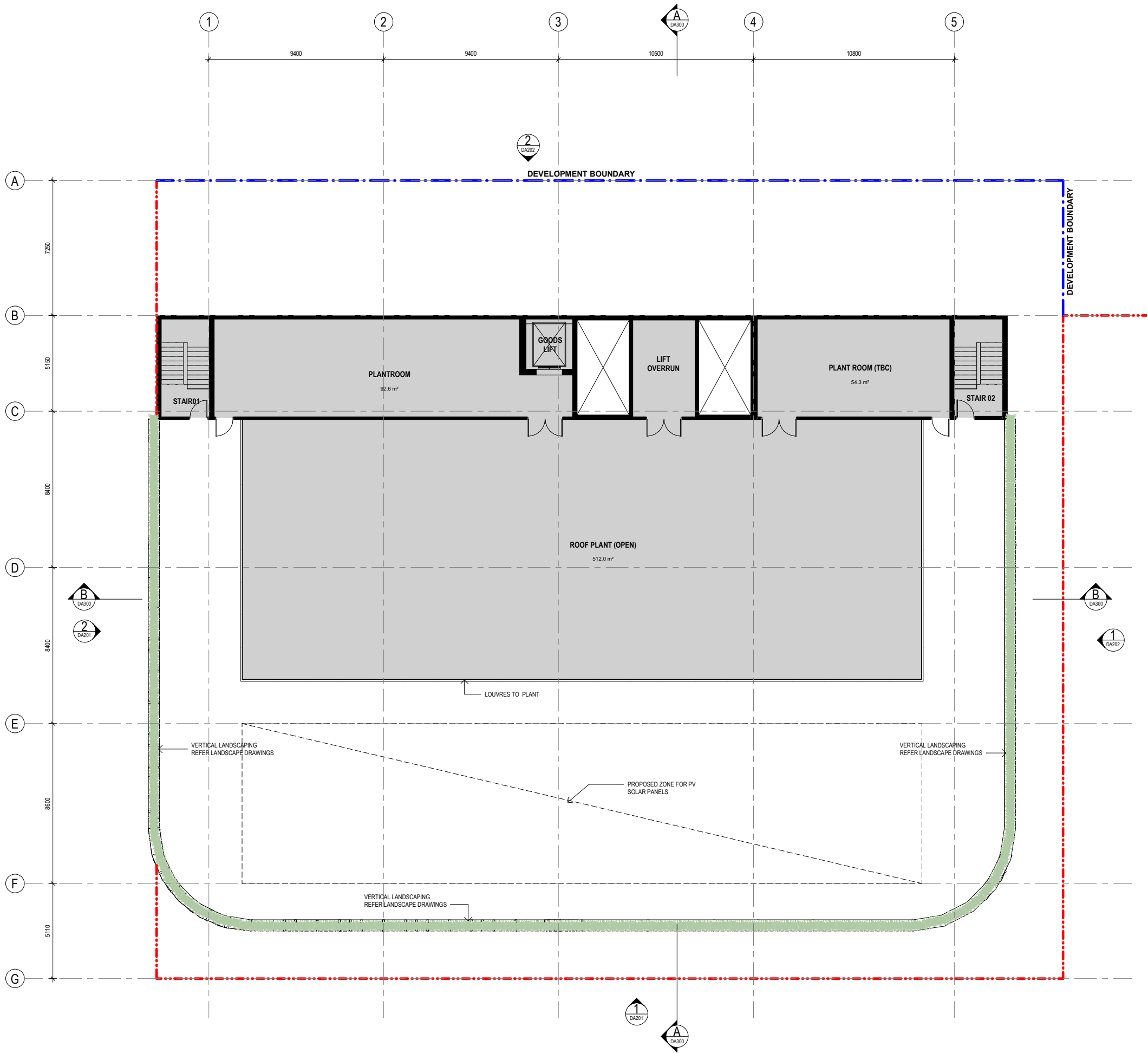
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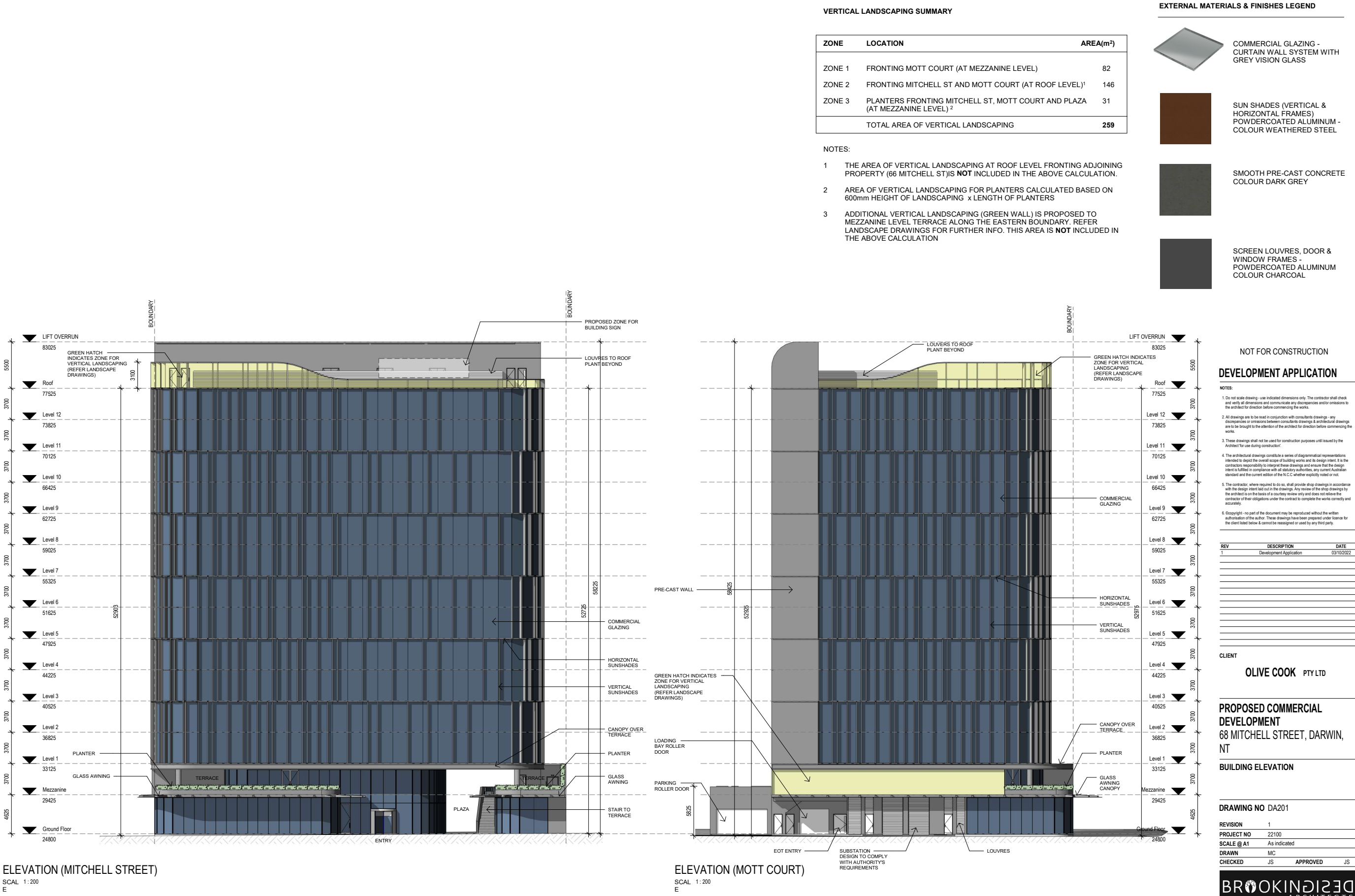
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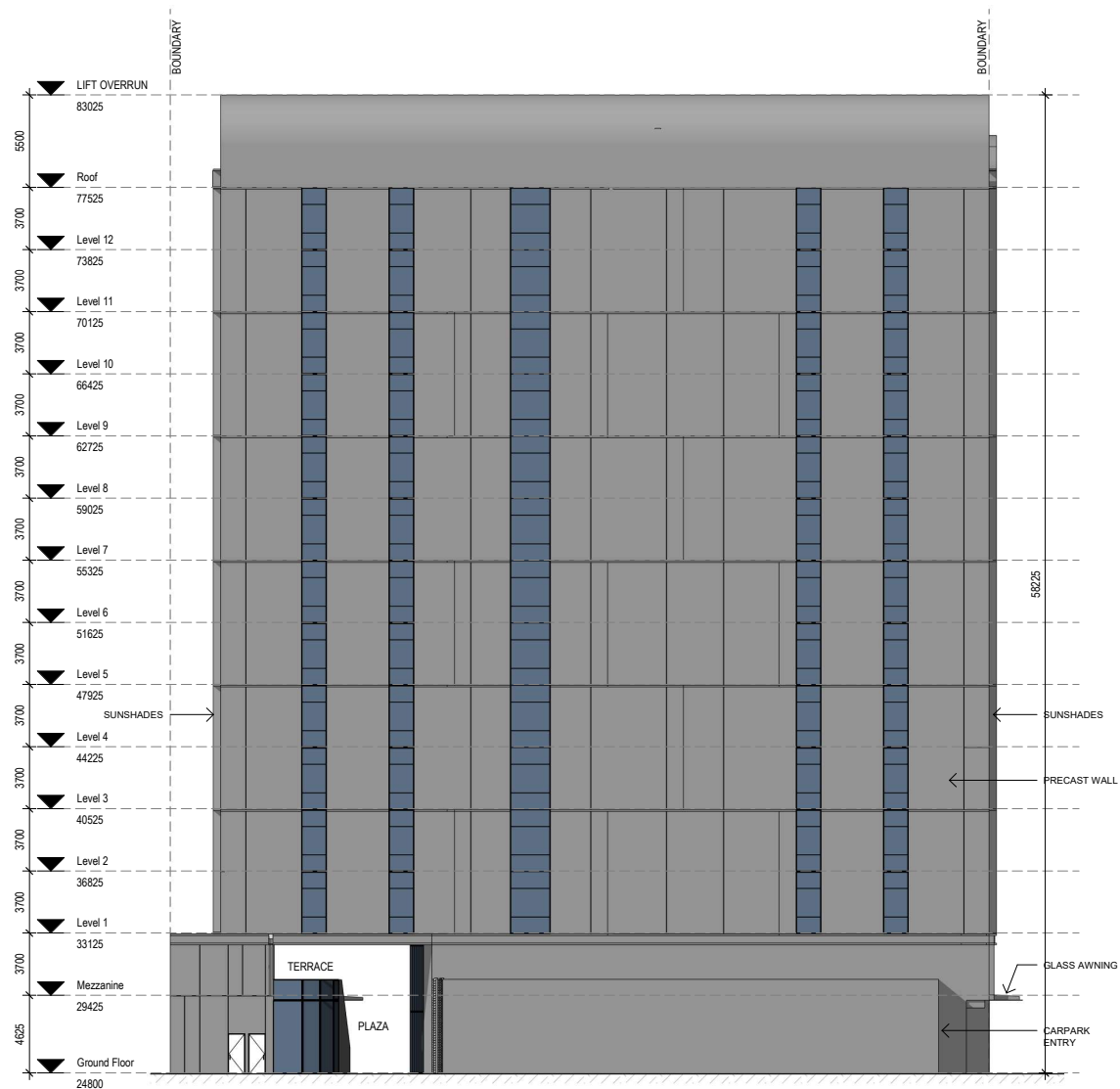
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ROOF PLAN

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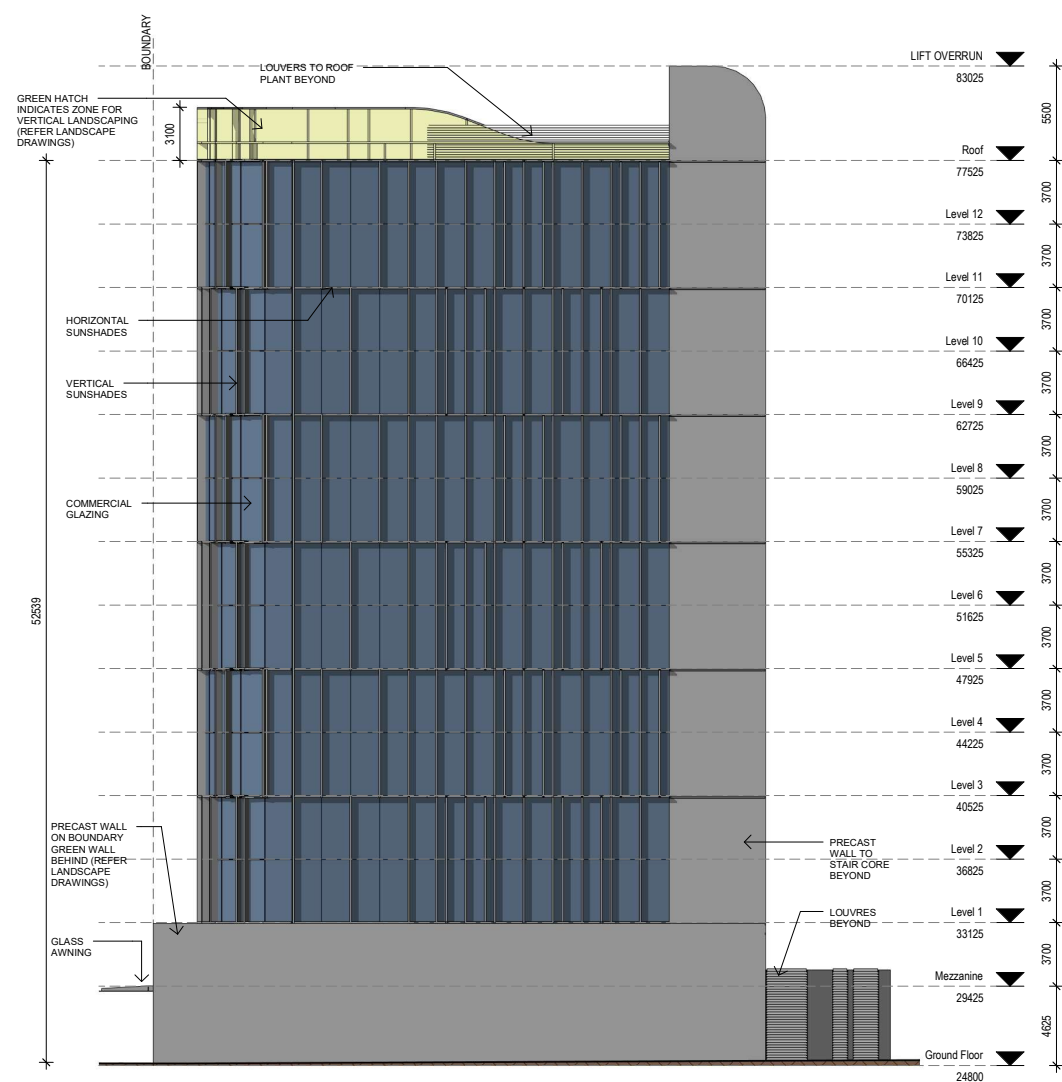
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**3D PERSPECTIVE**

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4 November 2022

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Dear Mrs Reynolds

**Parcel Description:**            **Lot 07587 Town of Darwin  
68 Mitchell Street Darwin City**

**Proposed Development:**    **Mixed use commercial development in a 14  
storey building with three levels of basement  
parking**

Thank you for the development application referred to this office 21 October 2022, concerning the above. This letter will be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on the 29 November 2022. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

The following issues are raised for consideration by the Development Consent Authority (Authority):

This application includes elements over the road reserve, in which Council approval is required to be obtained prior to City of Darwin supporting the works. This includes:

- Removal of seven on-street car parking bays from Mott Court – to allow for a two way vehicle access as stage 1 and 2 car parks will be accessed from Mott Court
- Building Shades
- Relocation of Right of Way Easement
- Substation Doors located over the road reserve
- Street Trees and Awnings on and over the road reserve





It is noted that the applicant has recently applied to Council for the above, however due to the timing of the application these matters are not able to be resolved within the exhibition period.

Other than the issues identified above, which will be presented to Council on 29 November 2022, City of Darwin provides the following:

**Removal of on-street car parks**

The proposal includes the removal of seven on-street car parks from Mott Court to permit two way vehicle flow and an onsite loading bay that requires service vehicles to reverse from Mott Court into the site.

The removal of on-street car parks will incur a per bay contribution be paid to City of Darwin, as per the current contribution rate. The contribution is payable at the time when the access is approved by City of Darwin.

**Vehicular Access – Mott Court**

City of Darwin considers reversing vehicles on Mott Court to enter into the site as a high risk manoeuvre and as such, the access shall be subject to a Stage 2 independent Road Safety Audit, which shall be submitted to City of Darwin for review and approval. If supported, all safety measures in the report shall be provided by the developer and at no cost to Council.

**Street trees - Landscaping**

NT Planning Scheme requires awnings to buildings in Central Darwin to be the full width and extent of the site frontage, however, as the proposal aligns strongly with City of Darwin's 2030 Greening Darwin Strategy, City of Darwin supports the proposal using both awnings and street trees to provide protection over the entrance to the arcade between the awnings. City of Darwin requires the following information to be submitted:

- Confirmation that the applicant will provide the water supply point for all newly proposed road reserve plantings, and provide a detailed landscaping and irrigation plan
- Confirmation that the applicant will provide ongoing maintenance to those road reserve garden beds/plantings to City of Darwin standards
- Details of a stratavault tree pit/garden bed design detailing and providing adequate volumetric area for tree root development, with sub-soil drainage and connected to nearest stormwater drain. This is to ascertain optimal growth at a lesser time for these trees,
- Tree species selection along Bennett Street road reserve are to consider potential conflict with building awning as trees mature
- Greenwall vegetation overhanging road reserve/footpath areas are to be managed by the adjacent property, and
- No irrigation water to is to drip onto road reserve/footpath areas



**Building over the Road Reserve**

All building elements over City of Darwin road reserve will require Council approval and a permit to be issued.

**Access doors over the Road Reserve**

City of Darwin By-Laws do not permit access doors to open outwards into the road reserve.

City of Darwin requests that the doors be recessed, or an alternative design be implemented.

i). **City of Darwin requests that should a development permit be issued, that the following be provided as conditions precedent:**

a). A dilapidation report covering all infrastructure (including street trees) located in the road reserve is to be submitted to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.

b). Access to the site shall meet City of Darwin requirements, particularly the number of and width/s of the proposed crossover/s.

c). **Stormwater**

City of Darwin requests that the Authority require an engineered plan completed by a suitably qualified civil engineer. The plan is to demonstrate the on-site collection of stormwater, surface levels and its discharge into the local underground stormwater drainage system be submitted to, and be approved by City of Darwin, prior to the stormwater condition precedent being cleared.

The plan shall include details of site levels, Council's stormwater drain connection point/s and connection details.

d). **Waste**

City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a Waste Management Plan demonstrating waste disposal, storage and removal in accordance with City of Darwin's Waste Management Guidelines.

The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate adequate waste management, this includes:

- waste collection vehicle turning circles, confirming that a waste vehicle can enter and exit the site in a forward gear



- bin enclosure design and size, which must demonstrate the storage of the sufficient number and types of bins
- be imperviously sealed and screened to conceal the bin enclosure from adjoining property and from public roads and footpaths
- should have access to a fresh water supply and effluent resulting from cleaning the bins and enclosures must be discharged into the sewer system
- an unimpeded concrete access path to/from the bin enclosure

Further information is located within City of Darwin's Waste Management Guidelines, which can be viewed on City of Darwin's website or by contacting City of Darwin.

e). **Traffic**

City of Darwin requires a comprehensive Traffic Impact Assessment Report, to be prepared by a suitably qualified traffic engineer in accordance with the Austroads Document Guide to Traffic Management Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Developments, in the report structure provided as Appendix C of that document, with particular attention to vehicular, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport issues and opportunities.

The Traffic Impact Assessment report is to also include:

- swept paths for waste collection vehicles entering and exiting the site
- A safe pedestrian and cyclists active environment shall be considered around the development site including Mott Court.
- Internal traffic circulation and driveway dimensions shall be arranged in such a manner that NO queuing or traffic blockage occurs on Mitchell Street or Mott Court road pavement.

The report should identify any necessary upgrades to the surrounding street network as a result of the implications of the development. The developer will be required to institute all required upgrade measures resulting from the traffic assessment at no cost to City of Darwin.

A Stage 2 independent Road Safety Audit is also required, which shall be submitted to City of Darwin for review and approval. If supported, all safety measures in the report shall be provided by the developer and at no cost to Council.



f). **Site Construction Management Plan**

City of Darwin requests that a Site Construction Management Plan (SCMP) be required.

The SCMP should specifically address the impact to Council owned land and infrastructure, including the following:

- waste management plan for disposal of waste to Shoal Bay,
- traffic control for affected City of Darwin roads,
- haulage routes,
- storm water drainage & sediment control,
- use of City of Darwin land, and
- how this land will be managed during the construction phase,

all to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.

**Note:** Sediment control measures are to be established and maintained, to prevent silt and sediment escaping the site or causing erosion.

Building rubbish or debris must not be placed, or be permitted to be placed, on any adjoining public reserve, footpath or road, without first obtaining approval from City of Darwin.

- g). All awnings over City of Darwin road reserves must be designed in accordance with City of Darwin Policy 037 – Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property. The developer is required to obtain in principle approval from City of Darwin for the proposed awnings.
- h). Prior to the endorsement of plans approval by City of Darwin is required for any element of the building (separate to awnings) that is designed to be constructed or installed over the Council's road reserve or property.

ii). **Should the above issues be adequately addressed, City of Darwin offers the following comments:**

City of Darwin comments on issues for which it is the sole responsible authority, under the *Local Government Act* and associated By-Laws:-

a). **Awning Overhang**

The proposal includes an awning/s over the road reserve. City of Darwin requests that the applicant seek all required approvals and obtain an Awning Agreement for the proposed awning/s.

b). **Works within City of Darwin Road Reserve**

The proposal includes architectural elements and other works within the City of Darwin road reserve.



All works are required to be undertaken in accordance with City of Darwin policies and/or guidelines and are subject to a separate assessment/approval from City of Darwin. City of Darwin requests that the applicant first seek all required approvals from City of Darwin for the works within the road reserve.

c). **Street Trees**

The proposed street tree/s to Council's road reserve fronting the development shall be carried out at full cost to the developer.

As street trees will become an asset of City of Darwin, the developer shall provide Council specification for the purchasing of quality tree stock prior to construction. Specification for quality tree stock shall be submitted for approval to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.

The developer shall provide Council a Plant Schedule for street trees indicating:

- root-ball container volume (litres),
- height of species (metres),
- calliper (millimetres);
- details identifying the nursery supplying the tree stock; and
- confirmation that the developer will enter into a three year maintenance period with City of Darwin.

Street trees shall be of advanced size to provide greater impact to the road reserve and the development.

Prior to the establishment of street trees within the road reserve contact shall be made with City of Darwin's Parks and Reserves to ensure appropriate species and planting locations are defined.

d). **Shoring and Hording Adequacy for Adjoining Properties**

If the development involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building and or footpath/road reserve on adjoining land, the developer must, at their own expense:

- protect and support the adjoining property and pedestrians from possible damage or injury from the excavation, and
- where necessary, underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any such damage.

e). **Building Identification**

In accordance with City of Darwin By-Laws, prior to occupation, the applicant shall ensure that a building number is displayed in a position clearly visible from the street. The number must be visible





against the background on which it is placed, to the satisfaction and at no cost to City of Darwin.

City of Darwin comments in relation to the *Planning Act*, the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and Land Use Objectives:-

- f). Should the Authority consider the proposed number of bays insufficient, it is requested that the Authority require a monetary contribution be paid to City of Darwin in accordance with its Car Parking Contribution Plan, in lieu of the on-site car parking shortfall as a result of this development.
- g). City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a monetary contribution is paid to City of Darwin in accordance with its Stormwater Contribution Plan to upgrade stormwater infrastructure as a result of this development. The site falls within the developer Contribution Plan for Stormwater Drainage Works – CP 2015-04 Area D. The applicant will be required to pay City of Darwin a contribution towards stormwater drainage works in accordance with the above plan.

Should this application be approved, the following conditions pursuant to the *Planning Act* and City of Darwin's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act* are also recommended for inclusion in the development permit issued by the Development Consent Authority.

- Any damaged or removed infrastructure located in, on or over the road reserve (inclusive of preexisting street trees), is to be repaired or replaced at the developers cost, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Designs and specifications for landscaping of the road verges adjacent to the property shall be submitted for approval by City of Darwin and all approved works shall be constructed at the applicant's expense, to the requirements of City of Darwin.
- The location, design and specifications for proposed and affected crossovers shall be provided at the applicant's expense, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Kerb crossovers and driveways to the site shall be provided and disused crossovers removed, public footpath and shared paths shall be provided, stormwater shall be collected and discharged into City of Darwin's drainage network, all of which is to be provided at the applicant's expense, to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.



- Sight lines shall be provided at crossovers to public streets, to the satisfaction of, City of Darwin. No fence or tree exceeding 0.6 metres in height shall be planted in front of the sight line.
- Any gate over an access to a public road shall be placed on the subject site at least 4.5 metres from the face of the kerb line of the adjoining public road.
- Pursuant to clause 6.5.2 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and s.70(5) of the *Planning Act* a monetary contribution shall be paid to City of Darwin for any determined parking shortfall.
- All developments on/or adjacent to any easements on-site, in favour of City of Darwin shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Waste bin enclosures, storage and pick-up shall be provided in accordance with City of Darwin's Waste Management Guidelines.
- Any proposed signage for the site shall be subject to a separate assessment in accordance with City of Darwin Policy 042 – Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.
- All awnings over City of Darwin road reserves adjacent the site, must have a valid Awning Agreement.
- All works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Any proposed stormwater connections to City of Darwin stormwater system or proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.

If you require any further information in relation to any planning issues, or general questions with this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.



If you require any further information in relation to the permit conditions or subsequent requirements, please contact Nim Perera, Roads and Lighting Engineer on 8930 0590, or email [darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Yours faithfully



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**14.2 SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO COMMUNITY SAFETY, SUPPORT SERVICES AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Author:** Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

**Authoriser:** General Manager Community

**Attachments:** 1. Draft submission to Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Submission to Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission at **Attachment 1** for the Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft response at **Attachment 1** to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory led by Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

**KEY ISSUES**

- On 28 September 2022, the Senate referred an inquiry into community safety, support services and job opportunities in the Northern Territory to the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs for reporting by 1 December 2022. This timeline was then extended on 25 October 2022 to reporting for 1 March 2023.
- On 19 October 2022, City of Darwin received correspondence seeking submissions to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory led by Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.
- Officers have consulted with key agencies to prepare the draft submission at **Attachment 1**.
- The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are:
  - a) The preparation for the sunseting of the Stronger Futures legislation;
  - b) Community safety and alcohol management;
  - c) Job opportunities and Community Development Program reform;
  - d) Justice reinvestment community services and;
  - e) Any related matters.

**DISCUSSION**

On 28 September 2022 the Senate referred an inquiry into community safety, support services and job opportunities in the Northern Territory to the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs for reporting by 1 December 2022. This timeline was extended on 25 October to reporting for 1 March 2023.

On 19 October 2022 City of Darwin received correspondence seeking submissions to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory led by Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Officers have consulted with key agencies to prepare this submission. Agencies include National Indigenous Australians Agency (Commonwealth Government) and North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) in relation to Community Development Program and Justice reinvestment reforms.

City of Darwin has been in contact during the sunseting of the Stronger Futures legislation with Northern Territory Government and Liquor Licencing Commission. Information previously provided to Council regarding public housing and homelessness and other issues impacting vulnerable community members has been incorporated into the draft submission at **Attachment 1**.

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are:

- a) The preparation for the sunseting of the Stronger Futures legislation;
- b) Community safety and alcohol management;
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- e) Any related matters.

Public hearings for the Joint Standing Committee are currently scheduled for:

7 December 2022 in Darwin, 8 December 2022 in Maningrida and 9 December 2022 in Alice Springs. City of Darwin will have the opportunity to speak to the submission if desired. On 9 November 2022 the CEO received an invitation for City of Darwin to present at the public hearing.

At the time of writing the only submission uploaded to the portal was from Central Desert Regional Council. Officers contacted Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation who had not been informed about the Inquiry.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Nil

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil



<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2021 is a previous piece of NT Legislation no longer in force.  <b>Policy:</b> Nil
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult  <b>Internal:</b> Executive Manager Library Children and Families Executive Manager Regulatory Services.  <b>External:</b> National Indigenous Australians Agency North Australia Aboriginal Justice Agency Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



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### **Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory**

The City of Darwin submits this response to the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs for their consideration in the Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory. On behalf of the Elected Members of the City of Darwin I submit this response.

#### **City of Darwin**

As the Capital City of the Northern Territory, Darwin is the social, cultural and economic heart of the Northern Territory. Darwin is well-positioned to enhance the Northern Territory's economic, social and cultural advantages and Council is well placed to support, lead and advocate on behalf of the people of Darwin.

Guided by our Darwin 2030 Strategic plan Council's Mission is: We will work with the community and partners, provide leadership, and deliver services that create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmentally sustainability of Darwin.

#### **a) The preparation for the sunseting of the Stronger Futures legislation;**

City of Darwin have been informed by Northern Territory Government (NTG) Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet through the Regional Co-ordination Committee of their consultations across the region on the sunseting of Stronger Futures Legislation. The consultations led by NTG have resulted in four of the seven town communities opting into declarations as Alcohol Protected Areas (APAs) under the Liquor Act 2019. The declarations result in liquor being prohibited from 17 July 2022 to 16 July 2024. These include communities that sit within Darwin municipality – Bagot Community and Railway Dam aka One Mile Dam. Other communities within the municipality of Darwin such as Kulaluk and Minmarara have alcohol management plans in place and Acacia Larrakia have confirmed their capacity to self-manage with NTG.

NTG have stated they will continue to monitor and respond to any indicators or trends of alcohol related harm and work in partnership with community members, elders, leaders and residents, along with frontline service providers across the region. Media reports have noted the impacts of the changes in relation to alcohol related illness on Royal Darwin Hospital admissions.

#### **b) Community safety and alcohol management;**

Approximately 48% of adults in the NT exceed the National Health Medical Research Council guidelines related to alcohol consumption, these consumption rates are 173% greater than the national average.

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City of Darwin commits significant resources responding to the needs of vulnerable people in its public spaces and in addressing antisocial behaviour including public intoxication across the municipality. Our 2021/22 Municipal Plan details approximately \$2M allocated to this area.

City of Darwin provides support and programming guided through the Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan 2016-2019 to ensure vulnerable people in Council's public spaces receive assistance, should they require it.

City of Darwin also addresses public intoxication and works collaboratively with Northern Territory Government, Police and Emergency Services, Community Service Organisations and Larrakia Nation.

The causes of homelessness and the complexity of social issues impacting vulnerable people in our community include:

- inadequate provision of shelters and refuges
- limited access to, and availability of, public housing
- control and supply of alcohol
- inadequate level of Police and emergency resources
- limitations on the resources of welfare and health service providers both within remote and regional settings and across the Darwin municipality

The issues above are outside the remit of local government. Addressing these issues and their impact on public spaces within the municipality requires a collaborative approach from a wide range of stakeholders and significant financial investment.

Consumption of alcohol and high levels of public intoxication occur in City of Darwin public areas. Despite continued and intensive activity by City of Darwin working in collaboration with a range of NT Government agencies and community welfare partners, the issues of public consumption and intoxication persist.

The current services and investment by City of Darwin include:

- Darwin Safer City - including Assertive Outreach
- Public Places Rangers
- Crime Prevention Through Environment Design
- Libraries – Community Wellbeing Program
- Youth Services
- Closed Circuit TV
- Funding contribution to Northern Territory Government (NTG) City Safe Security Patrols

#### Darwin Safer City Program

The Darwin Safer City Program works in partnership with a range of Government departments and non-Government agencies to achieve a safer, vibrant Darwin. There are several components to the program guided by the [Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan 2016- 2019](#).

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The Safer City Coordinator manages the program, including Assertive Outreach and manages Council's walkways including community consultation regarding closures and security concerns. The Safer City Coordinator is also involved in a variety of advocacy forums to reduce alcohol supply as a key strategy to address public intoxication and improve public safety.

The Safer City Program aims to reduce the high level of alcohol harm and rough sleeping in the Darwin municipality and improve community safety and amenity.

Key aspects of the Darwin Safer City program include:

- Working with residents and retailers to address community safety issues and public intoxication
- Provision of advice to Council on applications under the Liquor Act for licensing
- Gazetting of restricted areas for alcohol consumption within the municipality
- Collaboration and partnerships with a range of government and non-government agencies to address immediate issues as well as structural reforms needed to improve high levels of homelessness and alcohol misuse
- Advocates for alcohol reforms, harm minimisation and strategies to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping
- Administers and provides the Secretariat the Darwin Northern Suburbs Liquor Accord
- Reviews and coordinates all activity in relation to anti-social behaviour in walkways and/or other City of Darwin owned public places

#### Assertive Outreach

The Assertive Outreach team are managed by the Safer City Coordinator.

City of Darwin has two Assertive Outreach Officers who work with a range of partner agencies to link vulnerable people with services such as accommodation, health and wellbeing services, alcohol and other drugs services, legal and material aid and transport.

The Assertive Outreach Officers work Monday to Friday, starting early in the morning @ 7am each day and move through City of Darwin public places such as parks, reserves and beachside areas. Officers patrol as a team of 2 for 7.25 hours per day, finishing in the afternoon.

In the period 1 July to 31 December 2021 the Assertive Outreach team conducted 8,907 engagements (4,628 men, 4,037 women, 242 children) and provided 1,334 referrals (735 men, 570 women, 29 children).

The Officers work closely with a range of partner agencies using a strength-based approach, focused on advocacy for vulnerable people. The service engages with people on a voluntary basis and has no regulatory powers.

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Key aspects of the Assertive Outreach program include:

- First Nations staff, with strong cultural competency and links with the local community
- First response, short intervention service which engages with vulnerable people many of whom are sleeping rough and are alcohol dependent
- Refer to external agencies that can assist people across a range of services, including health and medical, accommodation, alcohol and other drugs, legal, material aid, transport and income support
- Agile patrolling to respond to areas of high need
- Municipality wide service
- Regularly provide intelligence to Police and Emergency Services, welfare and health providers and work proactively with community groups and stakeholders including local businesses

#### Public Places Rangers

Public Places Rangers are part of the City of Darwin's Regulatory Services team and monitor our public spaces to manage illegal camping, anti-social behaviour and general By-Law compliance.

Key aspects of the Public Places Rangers program include:

- A regulatory approach to public space issues in City of Darwin owned parks, reserves, facilities, and beach side areas
- Providing a municipality wide service
- Active monitoring and regulation of public spaces areas to ensure they are clean and safe for the enjoyment of the community
- Discouraging public drinking and antisocial behaviour, however they cannot seize or tip out alcohol or forcibly remove people
- Managing general By-law compliance issues such as untidy or overgrown properties, illegal dumping and storing of goods in public places
- Issuing of infringements fines under the Local Government By-laws for regulatory offences
- Close working relationships with a range of collaborative partners such as NT Police, Larrakia Nation Patrols and NT Government's Parks staff
- Assist and participate in joint patrols to address public intoxication and illegal camping on Crown Lands when requested

The Public Places team includes the Supervisor Public Places to coordinate operations and seven rangers who operate in the field to enforce Darwin City Council By- laws (1994) in public places.

The resources within the Public Places team are allocated Monday to Friday for:

- Public Places Morning Patrol, 6am to 2.15pm, 2-person patrol
- Public Places Afternoon Patrol, 10.45am to 7.00pm, 2-person patrol
- Three rangers for general By-law issues

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Plans to implement a trial of additional weekend patrols are underway. It is intended to have two Public Places Rangers work approximately 6 hours per day on Saturday and Sundays from December 2022.

In the period 1 July to 31 December 2021 the Public Places rangers on morning and afternoon patrols observed 27,070 vulnerable persons in public places, engaged with 6,822 persons and liaised and escalated matters to NT Police 331 times.

The Public Places Rangers are authorised to exercise powers under the Local Government Act and Darwin City Council By-laws.

The current By-laws regarding public places for which Rangers can infringe include camping in public spaces, public urination or defecation, obstruction, littering, including breaking glass, lighting fires without a permit.

Often the community expectation is that Public Places Rangers enforce anti-social behaviour legislation. Rangers do not have the power, authority or training of police or emergency services. Beyond specific items listed in By-laws Rangers do not have authority to enforce people's behaviour in public places. The Rangers patrol and seek to ensure public safety and amenity through voluntary compliance.

#### Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) Principles

The International Crime Prevention Through Environment Design Association (CPTED) defines CPTED as a multi-disciplinary approach to crime prevention, utilising urban and architectural design, and the management of built and natural environments. While it notes that CPTED aims to reduce victimisation and deter offender decisions that precede criminal acts, CPTED also aims to build a sense of community so that inhabitants gain a sense of ownership over public space to not just reduce crime, but also the fear or perception of crime.

City of Darwin reference CPTED in their infrastructure and planning work. While Council has not formally adopted CPTED as such, when designing public spaces, the CPTED principles are used to guide design outcomes.

#### Libraries – Community Wellbeing Program

City of Darwin Libraries are inclusive, welcoming and safe places for many vulnerable people in our community. Library Officers provide additional support through a range of services to vulnerable community members including:

- National Homelessness Week – in 2021, in partnership with NT Shelter and supported by 16 service providers, Homeless Link Up drew 150 attendees. Hygiene packs, food, clothing, laundry vouchers and haircuts were provided. In 2022 The Community Support and Advice Group was launched. These regular drop in sessions provide vulnerable people with an opportunity to chat with a case worker or advocate for one-on-one support with housing, legal, financial and government services.

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- Therapy Dog program – two dogs and their handlers roam the library interacting with vulnerable people during weekly sessions during the harshest time of the year in Darwin, the build-up and wet season.
- Carpentaria Story Time – fortnightly story sessions for people with disabilities from NDIS provider for four months in 2021
- Job Club – assists struggling to find employment with support such as job searches, resume writing, confidence building and interview tips.

#### Youth Services

The Youth Services team support young people across a range of initiatives and programs including regular Saturday night LAUNCH programming; Get That Job skills development training and SKATE Nights. These programs provide positive pathways, connecting to role models and mentors, and connecting young people with each other through positive programming.

Officers contribute to NT Government's Multi-agency Community and Child Safety Team – Northern Suburbs as high-level sector intelligence sharing information on vulnerable and at-risk young people.

The Youth team also administers and provides Secretariat for the Darwin Working with Youth Network (DARWWYN) to share sector intelligence; with network members providing services to young people who are vulnerable and at risk.

#### Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

City of Darwin provide access to NT Police and Emergency Services to our #SmartDarwin CCTV camera network of 138 cameras. Through the Darwin Safer City Program and Public Places Services Collaboration Group regular contact is made with NT Police and Emergency Services regarding their mobile CCTV units and hot spots across the municipality.

#### Financial Contribution to Northern Territory Government City Safe Security Patrols

In January 2021, City of Darwin signed an agreement to contribute funding to Northern Territory Government's City Safe Security Patrols. The City Safe Security Patrols operate every day throughout the Darwin CBD.

Northern Territory Government are responsible for the management of this security contract and as such Council has no oversight of these services. Council receives security patrol statistics from the contractor via Northern Territory Government. The current agreement with NTG committed Council \$400 000 annually for three years.

#### **c) Job opportunities and Community Development Program reform;**

Unlike other Local Government Areas across the Northern Territory City of Darwin does not run any Community Development Programs (CDP) but understands the impact the CDP has on remote First Nations Australians. Provision of meaningful training and employment opportunities in remote communities is critical and our understanding is that there continue to be limited training providers, a distinct lack of local jobs on regional and remote projects such as remote housing or other construction projects.

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City of Darwin encourage investment in First Nations organisations that seek to empower and build First Nations businesses such as NT Indigenous Business Network in order to build capacity, ownership and empower First Nations people and the economy.

City of Darwin supports the commitment by the Australian Government to reforming the Community Development Program in partnership with First Nations people, increasing local control and engagement in order to create economic benefit and jobs in remote locations.

**d) Justice reinvestment community services and;**

City of Darwin see benefit in supporting the provision of appropriate alternatives to the crowded prison system. We encourage the Federal Government to invest in strategies that decrease crime and strengthen communities and to work closely with agencies such as the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency.

Strategic long term investment in solutions proposed by First Nations run and led organisations seeking to keep young people out of the juvenile justice system is required. Adequately resourcing organisations providing these services such as First Nation's not for profit organisations and enabling them to collect long term data about the impact of these programs is critical.

Reviewing work in the justice reinvestment realm that is taking place in NSW and emerging work in other locations including Katherine, NT, may provide an established process and model for consideration.

The development of a Youth Hub in Darwin's Northern Suburbs is also critical to provide a safe, welcoming and resourced space for young people to gather and to connect with service providers. The proposed Youth Hub is long overdue; movement on this critical piece of infrastructure is needed.

The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, Correctional Services run a paid employment program which can enable community members to enter the workforce while also receiving support and training. There is potential to extend this existing program or to consider the development of similar programs for post release.

**e) Any related matters.**

Data provided from NT Shelter shows approximately 4.16% (1 in 24 people) in the NT are seeking assistance due to homelessness compared to 1.1% Australia wide. 46% of those accessing homelessness services in the NT are doing so due to family or domestic violence. 8% of the NT's homeless population are sleeping rough. Specific data for the municipality of Darwin is not currently available.

Data provided from Primary Health Network states that the NT has the highest alcohol consumption per capita and the highest rates of hospitalisations and deaths due to alcohol misuse in Australia. Approximately 48% of adults in the NT exceed the National Health Medical Research Council guidelines related to alcohol consumption, these consumption rates are 173% greater than the national average.

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Greater investment in remote and local public housing and culturally safe social services that are genuinely accessible is required as is greater investment in appropriate shelters for those fleeing family violence.

Yours sincerely

**THE HON. KON VATSKALIS**  
**LORD MAYOR OF DARWIN**

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**14.3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME - WALKWAY 191 - KOOLAMA CRESCENT TO MCMILLANS ROAD KARAMA**

**Author:** Darwin Safer City Program Coordinator

**Authoriser:** General Manager Community

**Attachments:**

1. Walkway 191 Community Consultation Letter [↓](#)
2. Walkway 191 Consultation Area [↓](#)
3. Walkway 191 Community Responses [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Community Consultation Outcome – Walkway 191 Koolama Crescent to McMillans Road Karama be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the night-time closure of Walkway 191 from 9:30pm to 5:30am, seven days per week.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcomes of the community consultation undertaken during October 2022, in response to a community petition seeking the night-time closure of Walkway 191.

**KEY ISSUES**

- In September 2022, Council received a community petition from 44 Karama residents requesting a night-time closure of the Walkway 191.
- Residents have reported ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour and criminal activity in and around the walkway, which negatively impacts the community.
- In October 2022, a community consultation was undertaken, providing an opportunity for feedback on the future management of Walkway 191.
- During the consultation phase, four (4) written responses and five (5) phone calls were received, with all respondents in support of Council undertaking a night-time closure of Walkway 191.

**DISCUSSION****Council Managed Walkways**

City of Darwin manages 246 walkways across the municipality. This includes 22 walkways which are closed on an ongoing 24/7 basis, and 19 which are closed each night and reopened for access during the day.

Council-owned walkways are an integral part of Darwin's pedestrian network. Many provide critical connectivity between residential areas and community facilities such as schools, shopping centres and public transport. Suburban walkways were originally designed to provide the shortest, most convenient pedestrian access within the suburbs, as opposed to pedestrians following the road network.

Council's management of walkways must balance the requirement of maintaining an accessible pedestrian network with sustainable asset management and protection, while considering public safety and community amenity.

As any closure will affect pedestrian access and neighbourhood amenity, several factors are considered to ensure there is sufficient evidence to recommend a closure. Without substantive evidence, Council will work closely with residents, relevant authorities and stakeholders to address public safety issues rather than closing walkways.

**Consideration of Closures**

Factors considered prior to the ongoing, temporary, or night-time closure of a walkway include:

- value of the walkway connecting pedestrian to essential community infrastructure
- future suburban planning or growth of suburbs
- recognition that closing one walkway often shifts 'problem' behaviour to the next closest walkway or another part of the suburb and that these areas may see an escalation of issues
- the potential impact night-time closure may have on residents whose properties directly adjoin the walkways (especially relevant if residents' adjoining fences are shorter than the height of the installed walkway gates), and the increased risk of people accessing private property to circumvent a walkway closure.

**Antisocial Behaviour and Walkways**

The presence of walkways in a neighbourhood does not automatically assume and/or create antisocial behaviour in walkways. Antisocial behaviour is changeable and related to a range of community factors such as:

- neighbourhood composition
- the proximity of community amenities
- seasonal factors.

Night-time walkway closures are supported if there is evidence of sustained and significant negative impact to residents. Consideration to closure is given when large numbers of community complaints are received, or proactive petitions are presented supporting closure of a particular walkway.

**Relevant Information Related to Walkway 191**

- Walkway 191 provides pedestrian connectivity from parts of Karama through Koolama Crescent, onto McMillans Road.
- Two residential properties directly adjoin Walkway 191 and share boundary fences with it.
- Walkway 191 is in very close proximity to three other walkways. Walkway 189 (Koojarra to McMillans) provides alternate, direct access to McMillans Road. Walkway 190

(Koojarra to Koolama) connects Walkways 189 and 191. Both walkways are currently ungated and open 24/7. The third walkway, Walkway 192 (Koolama to Dulverton) is closed 24/7, ongoing.

- The area has high levels of public housing and is located directly across the road from a facility which provides short term accommodation to visitors coming into Darwin from regional and remote communities.
- This area has experienced high levels of antisocial behaviour for the last two years, resulting in the night-time closure of two additional walkways in the immediate area (Walkway 207 – Creber to McMillans; and Walkway 209 – Moreton to McMillans).
- Antisocial behaviour issues in Karama have been widely publicised in the media and City of Darwin has received ongoing, multiple complaints from residents and local community groups.

### **Community Consultation**

In October 2022, City of Darwin Officers undertook a community consultation process to determine community support and impact of a night-time closure of Walkway 191. Residents were advised of the consultation via direct correspondence, **Attachment 1**, through via a letterbox drop and through signage displayed in the Walkway, the local shopping centre noticeboard and the Local Member for Karama's office noticeboard.

### **Consultation Outcomes**

During the consultation period, 129 letters were letterbox-dropped in the immediate area **Attachment 2** inviting residents to comment on potential community impact of maintaining a night-time closure of the walkway. Feedback on the proposed night-time closure during the consultation was provided by nine (9) residents, with all residents strongly supporting the night-time closure, **Attachment 3**. Reasons cited for support of a night-time closure included high levels of antisocial and criminal behaviour, reduced community safety and the requirement for increased personal and residential security.

Several attempts were made to directly engage with residents whose properties directly adjoin Walkway 191, to discuss the potential risks and impact to them, should the walkway be placed under a night-time closure. One of the residents engaged and was very supportive of a possible night-time closure however the resident(s) of the second property chose not to engage.

It is important to note that a night-time closure of Walkway 191 may result in increased activity and negative impact to residents directly adjoining and in proximity of Walkways 189 (Koojarra Court to McMillans Rd) and Walkway 190 (Koolama Court to Koojarra Court), both of which are very close to Walkway 191. As a result, during the consultation, two residents requested the concurrent night-time closure of the additional walkways 189 and 190.

### **Officer Recommendations**

It is recommended Walkway 191 is placed under a night-time closure on an ongoing basis for the following reasons:

- It is likely a night-time closure will reduce antisocial behaviour, illegal/criminal activities and opportunistic crimes by restricting movement throughout the suburb late at night and during the early morning hours when most people are asleep.
- A night-time closure of this walkway is unlikely to unduly inconvenience pedestrians moving through the suburb as the additional distance required to access the Karama Shopping Centre (by use of Kalymnos Drive) is negligible.
- Walkways 189 and 190 are in close proximity to Walkway 191 and currently open 24/7 and provide adequate pedestrian connectivity throughout the suburb.

If Council supports a night-time closure of Walkway 191, a further consultation should be considered in early 2023, once the closure regime has commenced, to assess any unintended consequence in relation to potential negative impact to Walkways 189 and 190. The community



consultation, if required, would determine the appropriate management including possible night-time closure of those additional walkways.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 13 July 2021 meeting Council resolved:

### RESOLUTION ORD365/21

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure.
3. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act 2019 and that the document remains Confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
4. THAT the Decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of the meeting

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Funding:</b> Installation of gates and security costs would be funded through existing operational budget.  The cost for the construction and installation of hard mesh gates on Walkway 191 is estimated at \$5,260.  The ongoing security costs for night-time closure of a walkway is between \$1,700 and \$2,700 per annum, depending on location.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019 (Section 270) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (Section 64).  <b>Policy:</b> Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult Community consultation in response to complaints, included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage placed either end of Walkway 191.</li> <li>• Signage place on the noticeboard of the Local Member for Karama.</li> <li>• Signage placed on the noticeboard at the Karama Shopping Centre.</li> <li>• Letterbox drop undertaken to 129 properties in the immediate area.</li> <li>• Direct and indirect engagement with residents, including phone calls, emails, and face to face contact.</li> </ul>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



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21 October 2022

Dear Resident

**Re: Community consultation - Walkway 191 (Koolama Court to McMillans Road, Karama)**

City of Darwin has received a community petition requesting the night-time closure of **Walkway 191**.

Understanding how people use the walkways near them helps us to determine any potential impacts of a night-time closure.

We are requesting your feedback on the proposed night-time closure. Feedback will be included in a consultation report to be presented to Council so that they can make a decision on the ongoing management of Walkway 191.

All feedback is confidential and individuals will not be identified in the consultation report.

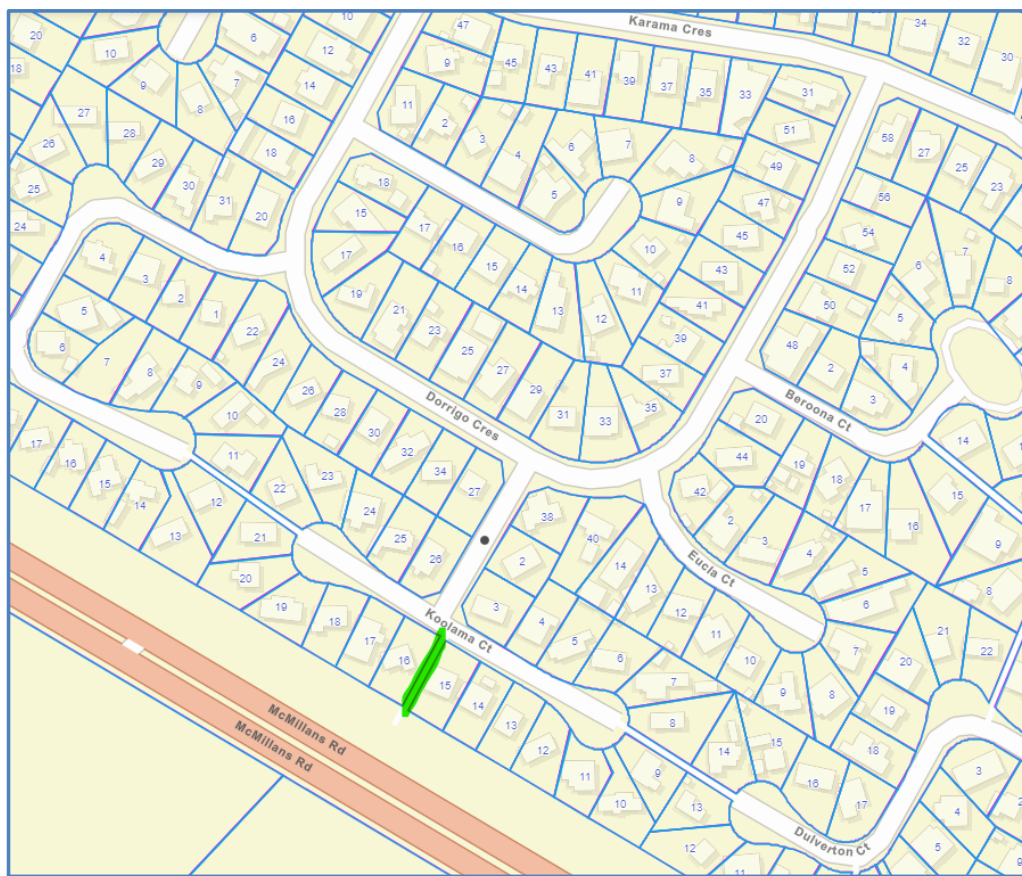
Feedback can be provided by close of business Friday, 4 November 2022 via email to [safercity@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:safercity@darwin.nt.gov.au) or by phone on 8930 0300.

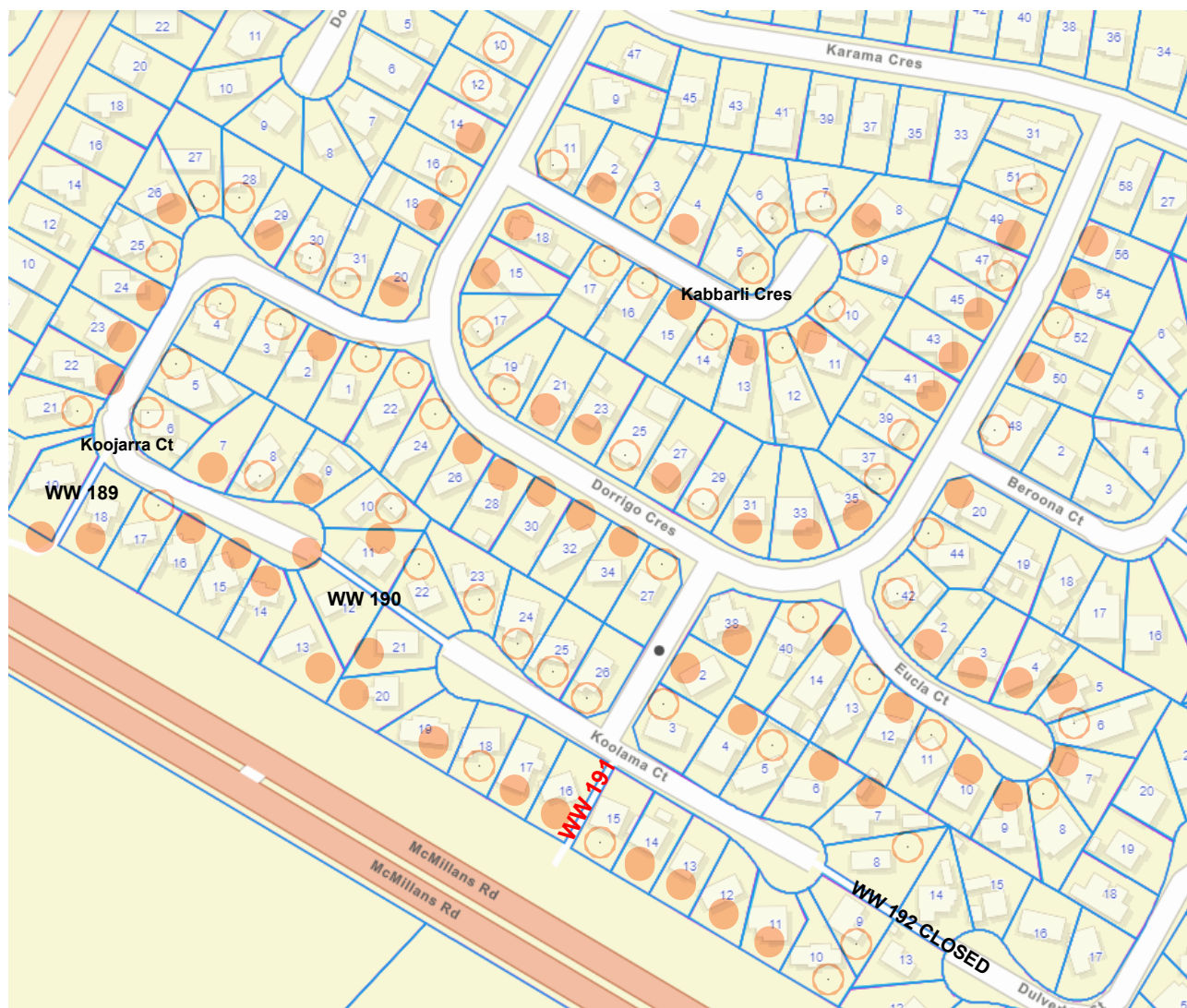
Yours sincerely

**MATT GRASSMAYR**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COMMUNITY & REGULATORY SERVICES**



### Location of walkway





**Walkway 191 (Koolama Ct to McMillans Rd, Karama) – Community Consultation Map**

**Walkway 191 (Koolama Crescent to McMillans Road, Karama)  
Community Consultation – 21 October to 4 November 2022**

**Responses**

Date	Address	Comments
21.10.22 (via phone call)	Koojarra Court, Karama	Supports a night-time closure of walkway 191 on the proviso Walkways 189 and 190 are also placed under night-time closures, otherwise, the night-time closure of Walkway 191 will only push people into the two Koojarra walkways. Described ongoing suburban and community disruption due to people using the walkways all through the night by people who are intoxicated, noisy, fighting, loitering and conducting criminal activity.
21.10.22 (via phone call)	Eucla Court, Karama	Believes there is illegal activity occurring in the vicinity of the walkway. Multiple break-ins and 5 houses broken into at 4.30pm two weeks ago. Would like the walkway closed 24/7 however believes a night-time closure will stop much of the ASB and noise at night at least. Does not believe a night-time closure would impact the other walkways in the vicinity as he thinks people will utilise Kalymnos Drive to get to the shopping centre.
21.10.22 (via email)	Koolama Court, Karama	Supports night-time closure. Also requested closure of the walkway between Koojarra and Koolama.
22.10.2021 (via email)	Not provided	Supports night-time closure. Noted increased ASB in area and no longer allows children to walk in suburb alone. Also no longer walks in early morning due to rough sleepers. Noted increase in broken glass and intoxicated people sleeping in and around walkways in the suburb.
24.10.2022 (via email)	Koolama Court, Karama	Has been broken into 3 times. Barricades furniture against the doors each night to prevent break-ins. The area is very noisy each night with people who are drunk and/or affected by drugs behaving badly and engaging in criminal activity.
24.10.2022 (via phone call)	Dorrigo Crescent, Karama	Lived in the suburb since 1984. Multiple break-in attempts in the last 6 weeks. Alcohol bottle thrown through the front windscreen of his vehicle. Does not feel safe due to large numbers of people constantly moving through the suburb via the walkway.
24.10.2022 (via phone call)	Not provided	Called to ask if the walkway was going to be closed 24/7 as concerned about losing access to McMillans Rd bike path. Was happy to hear it was a proposed night-time closure only.
01.11.2022 (via email)	Dorrigo Crescent, Karama	Detailed numerous break-ins and attempts. Is of the opinion the night-time closure will reduce ASB and attempted property crimes in the immediate area.
04.11.2022 (via phone call and meeting)	Koolama Court, Koolama	Is very supportive of the gates being installed and the night-time closure. Does not believe that people will enter his property due to his large dog and because he has spoken to a lot of people who use the walkway and asked them not to enter his property.



**14.4 REVIEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

**Author:** Acting General Manager Corporate

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Proposed CEO Code of Conduct (clean copy) [↓](#)  
2. Proposed CEO Code of Conduct (tracked changes) [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Review Chief Executive Officer Code of Conduct Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised CEO Code of Conduct at **Attachment 1**.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to adopt a revised Chief Executive Officer Code of Conduct.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Pursuant to Section 175 of the Local Government Act 2019, Council must, by resolution adopt a code of conduct for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- This policy has been reviewed with minor changes.

**DISCUSSION**

Section 175 of the Local Government Act requires that Council must, by resolution, adopt a Code of Conduct for the CEO. Council has previously adopted a CEO Code of Conduct which is now due for review.

The previous Code of Conduct was adopted by Council on 28 September 2021 and was based on the model policy released by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet. Other than typographical amendments, no changes are proposed by Council staff. However, following consultation with the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, a minor amendment is proposed to reflect the accountability the CEO has for internal controls and management of information.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 28 September 2021 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD001/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

1. THAT pursuant to Section 175(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council ADOPTS the CEO Code of Conduct – 100 policy, **Attachment 1**.

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



# CEO CODE OF CONDUCT

## No. 0100.100.E.R

GOVERNANCE

### 1 PURPOSE

To set out the code of conduct for the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Darwin.

### 2 SCOPE

This policy applies to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City of Darwin.

### 3 POLICY STATEMENT

In order to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the Council, the CEO of the Council must exhibit the highest ethical standards in the administration of the affairs of the Council.

#### 3.1 SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL

The CEO must:

- (a) provide full support to Council
- (b) provide accurate, frank and impartial advice to Council
- (c) implement council policies and decisions
- (d) be familiar with and comply with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) and other legislative, industrial or administrative requirements relevant to the CEO's official responsibilities
- (e) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the information upon which the CEO's decisions or actions are based is factually correct and relevant to the decisions or actions; and
- (f) comply with the council staff code of conduct.

#### 3.2 MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF

In relation to the management of council staff, the CEO must ensure that:

- (g) appropriate documented processes and procedures are in place
- (h) selection processes for appointment or promotion are fair, equitable and based on merit
- (i) staff have reasonable access to training and development and opportunities for advancement and promotion
- (j) staff are treated fairly and consistently and are not subject to arbitrary or capricious decisions
- (k) there are suitable processes for dealing with employment-related grievances, and
- (l) working conditions are safe and healthy.

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## CEO CODE OF CONDUCT 0100.100.E.R

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**3.3 PROTECTION OF COUNCIL ASSETS AND INFORMATION**

The CEO must implement appropriate internal controls to best protect and preserve City of Darwin assets and information. The CEO must not misuse information gained in the CEO's official capacity. Misuse includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) seeking to gain personal advantage for self, or for another person, on the basis of information held on official records
- (b) initiating or spreading gossip or rumours on the basis of personal or other information held on official records, and
- (c) providing a person, or appearing to provide a person, with favourable treatment or access to privileged information.

The CEO must take care to maintain the integrity and security of documents and information.

**3.4 USE OF OFFICIAL FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES**

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Any outside employment or voluntary work must be performed wholly in the CEO's private time.

**3.7 DECISIONS BASED ON STATUTORY POWER**

Where the CEO makes a decision based on a statutory power, the CEO must:

- (a) ensure that the legislation under which the decision is made authorises the making of that decision
- (b) ensure that the CEO has the authority or the delegation to make the decision
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**3.1 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**

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**4 DEFINITIONS**

**CEO** of council, means the City of Darwin's Chief Executive Officer as appointed under section 165(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT), who is in charge of day-to-day operations of the City of Darwin.

**5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES**

*Local Government Act 2019*

**6 PROCEDURES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**7 RESPONSIBILITY AND APPLICATION**

Council is responsible for ensuring the CEO adheres to this policy.

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### 3.7 DECISIONS BASED ON STATUTORY POWER

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- (a) ensure that the legislation under which the decision is made authorises the making of that decision
- (b) ensure that the CEO has the authority or the delegation to make the decision
- (c) ensure that any procedures which are required by law to be complied with in the making of a decision have been observed, and
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3.1 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

The CEO must not discriminate in relation to a person unless such ~~discrimination action~~ is allowed or required by law and council policy. ~~(for example, positive discrimination or special measures)~~

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5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

~~Local Government Act 2019 (NT) — Section 175(1)~~

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6 PROCEDURES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

7 RESPONSIBILITY AND APPLICATION

Council is responsible for ensuring the CEO adheres to this policy.

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**14.5 MAJOR PROJECT FINANCIAL THRESHOLD**

**Author:** Executive Manager Finance  
**Authoriser:** Acting General Manager Corporate  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Major Project Financial Threshold be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the financial threshold for reporting on major capital projects for the monthly financial report be set at \$10 million per project.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to set the financial threshold for major capital projects to be reported on in the monthly financial report.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The monthly financial report has new mandatory reporting requirements commencing December 2022.
- One of the mandatory requirements is reporting at least quarterly on expenditure for major capital projects versus budget.
- The financial threshold for what constitutes a major capital project is determined via Council resolution, it is recommended that this threshold be set at \$10 million per project.
- This new reporting requirement will not replace any existing reporting to Council through current integrated performance reporting.

**DISCUSSION**

Under the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, it prescribes that the monthly financial report must be in the approved form. The approved form has been issued by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet and must be used by the Council on and from the month following the Council's first budget review in 2022-23, which is required to be undertaken by end of December 2022.

One of the new requirements under this mandatory form, is to report on capital expenditure for major projects versus budget at least quarterly. To quantify what constitutes a major project, the Council must set a minimum financial threshold by resolution.

On 15 March 2022 Council set limitations on the financial delegations for the Chief Executive Officer with the following Resolution ORD118/22:

*THAT Council resolve in accordance with Section 40(3)(b) of the Local Government Act that the following financial liabilities will require Council approval:*

- (a) *Any loan borrowings, entering mortgages, issuing of bonds or similar undertaking excluding Minor Transactions as defined in the Borrowing Guidelines;*
- (b) *Where Council enters a Fixed Purpose Contract and anticipated expenditure is over \$10 million (ex GST);*
- (c) *Where Council enters a Period Contract and \$10 million expenditure (ex GST) is expected to occur in any year;*
- (d) *Where Council enters a Panel Contract and anticipates expenditure over \$10 million for a project (ex GST) or \$10 million (ex GST) per year for a service;*
- (e) *Other circumstances where City of Darwin would create a financial liability of \$10 million (ex GST) or more.*

This \$10 million delegation limit was based on the size and value of City of Darwin's operations. Consistent with this resolution, it is proposed that the threshold for 'major capital projects' be set for projects that are individually budgeted for at least \$10 million. By setting the threshold at this limit, the intent of the requirement is met.

By setting the threshold at \$10 million, for the 2022-23 financial year, the major projects that would be reported on would include:

- Civic Centre Redevelopment \$30 million
- Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre \$25 million
- Shoal Bay – Stage 2 expansion \$12 million

This new reporting requirement will not replace any current reporting to Council and is in addition to existing reporting. The delivery of the entire capital works program will continue to be reported on through the normal performance reporting structure.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

N/A

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Section 17 of the of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> requires the CEO to present a financial report to the Council each



	<p>month. Section 17(4) states that the financial report must be in the approved form. The approved Monthly Financial Report Form is mandatory on and from the month following a council's first budget review in the 2022-23 year. As part of the mandatory form, the financial report must include expenditure on major capital projects, to be reported at least quarterly. The financial threshold for what is included as a major project must be set by Council resolution.</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Nil</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

**14.6 NOMINATION TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT BOARD**

**Author:** Coordinator Councillor Governance and Support

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Neighbourhood Watch NT Nomination Form [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Neighbourhood Watch NT Board be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Brian O’Gallagher to the Neighbourhood Watch NT Board.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to put forward nominations to Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) to represent Local Government on the Neighbourhood Watch NT Board.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin received correspondence from LGANT requesting nominations on the 18 October 2022.
- Requests for LGANT appointed representatives are reviewed at Council as they are received.
- Nominations are to be sent to LGANT by 30 November 2022.
- Nominations are to be a resolution of Council.

**DISCUSSION**

LGANT has written to City of Darwin calling for nominations to represent Local Government on the Neighbourhood Watch NT Board.

The nomination form is attached at **Attachment 1**.

Ordinary Board members of Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT) are required to be active participants and contribute to crime prevention strategies for the community. Board members represent the organisation, regular members and volunteers across the NT. A board member is required to participate in Board meetings and be part of relevant sub-committees when required. A board member must also ensure that NHWNT is compliant under the Constitution and legislation (Act and regulations).

The Neighbourhood Watch NT Board is made up of:

- Chairperson and secretary
- Vice Chairperson and Public Officer
- Treasurer
- NT Police Representative
- Board member (Katherine)
- Board Member
- LGANT Representative

The appointed representative will require an Ochre card. Meetings are typically held monthly in Parap.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Nil

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> Yes</p> <p>Council's budget provides for member participation on external committees by way of additional (extra) meeting allowances.</p> <p><b>Existing Position No:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> Nil</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Meetings – Policy 043</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Internal:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>External:</b> Nil</p>

<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY****NOMINATION FORM****Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT)**  
**Nominations Close: 30 November 2022**

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**Council Name:**

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**1. Agreement to be nominated**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be nominated as a member  
(Name in full)  
of the **Neighbourhood Watch NT**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Council Confirmation of Nomination**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Executive Officer  
hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_  
was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the  
**Neighbourhood Watch NT** at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominee's Contact Details**

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Nominee Information**

The following information is required to enable the Executive to make an informed decision.  
If you want to submit further information, please attach it to this form.



4.1 What is your current council position? \_\_\_\_\_

4.2 How long have you held your current council position? \_\_\_\_\_

4.3 Please list your educational qualifications:

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4.4 What experience do you have that is relevant to this committee?

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4.6 Apart from your current position what other experience have you had in local government?

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5. You agree to supply the Executive with a report on the committee meetings you attend?

I agree ☐ I Disagree ☐

6. Have you read and agree to the Outside Committee procedures

Yes ☐

**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2022**

**Author:** Senior Accountant  
Executive Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** Acting General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. Monthly Financial Report - October 2022 [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Provisional Monthly Financial Report – October 2022 be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ended 31 October 2022.

Further, this report and the contents are required to be presented to Council in compliance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

**KEY ISSUES**

The Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Income Statement, which compares actual YTD income and expenditure against YTD budget.
- Fund Flow Statement, which outlines the effect on General Funds. It groups items into operating, investing, and financing and has a very close relationship to cash flows and presented in the same format.
- Investments, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at 31 October 2022.
- Rates and Receivables Report which provides a summary of outstanding rates and debtors.
- Creditors Report, which reports a summary of creditor payments outstanding.
- Procurement Reporting, which is a summary of contract variations and exempt procurement.

**DISCUSSION****October 2022 – Year to Date Result**

The year-to-date operating result until 31 October 2022 is a **deficit of (\$6.71M)** compared to a **Budgeted deficit of (\$8.28M)** as highlighted in the table below.

After including capital income, the **Net Deficit is (\$5.63M)** against the budgeted **deficit of (\$7.13M)**. This has resulted in a favourable **\$1.50M** variance overall (as shown in the income statement).

	<b>Actual \$'000</b>	<b>Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Variance \$'000</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,712)</b>	<b>(8,284)</b>	<b>1,573 Favourable</b>

**Commentary**

The Net Operating Position has a favourable variance to the budget of \$1.573M. The variance results from lower than budgeted material and contractor costs, and depreciation, partially offset by lower than anticipated fees and charges received for the period ending 31 October.

Please find below additional commentary for the material variances:

**Income**

Total Operating Income is tracking below budget by \$0.403M.

**User Fees & Charges**

The unfavourable variance is \$955K. This is mainly due to Waste Fees & Charges being under YTD expectations and is partially offset by a decrease in expenditure.

**Operating Grants and Subsidies**

Operating grants received are higher than budgeted, with Financial Assistance Allocation for 2022/23 higher than budgeted and the receipt of the Regional Arts grant (recognised in the 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Review).

**Interest / Investment Income**

The favourable variance directly relates to the significant increases in interest rates received on investments due to the increasing RBA cash rate.

**Expenditure**

Total Expenses are under budget by \$1.976M. This is mainly due to underspends in Materials & Contracts of \$1.03M and Depreciation being under budget by \$0.76M.

**Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses**

Materials, Contracts and Other expenses has an annual budget of \$58.6M and this incorporates various expenditure types. Combined, this budget line is under budget with a variance of \$1.03M. This predominately relates to expenses associated with waste management at Shoal Bay, which is partially offset by a reduction in revenue.

**Depreciation and Amortisation**

Depreciation is a non-cash expense and is under budget by \$0.76M. The variance relates to timing of asset capitalisations and changes to useful lives on assets that were revalued in 2021-22 as part of the end of financial year process.

**Interest Expense**

Interest expense is under budget by \$0.02M. This is due to several factors including timing of loan drawdowns and by offsetting some of the interest associated with variable loans with surplus funds.

**Treasury Comment**

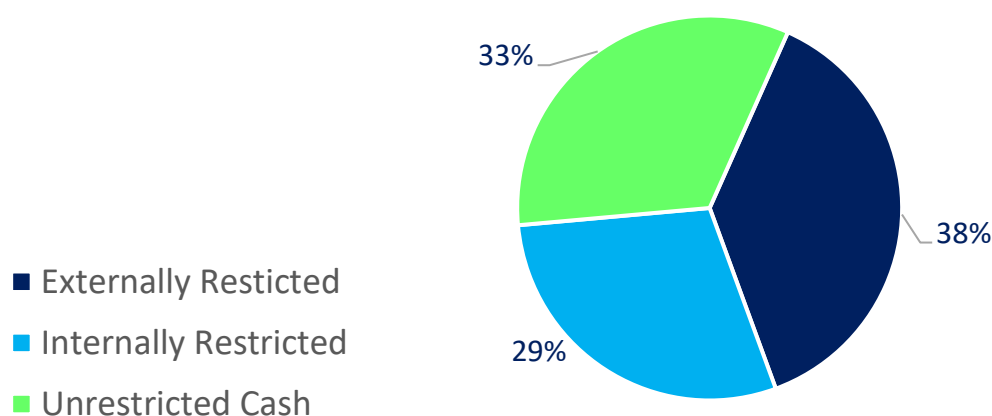
The RBA met on the 1st of November and increased the cash rate target by 25 basis points. Australia's inflation is high at 7.3% and is expected to peak at 8%. The RBA board said it expects to increase interest rates further over the period ahead. The size and timing of future interest rate increases will continue to be determined by the national/global economic data and the RBA's assessment of the outlook for inflation and the labour market. Any increases by the RBA will increase City of Darwin's interest (borrowing) expenses and increase interest income.

City of Darwin has achieved 2.40% on weighted average interest rate on its October cash and investment portfolio of \$113.44M (excluding loan offset \$4M). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month.

The Investment Reports have been renamed and updated to include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames.

**Cash at Bank & Investments at 31 October 2022**

Cash at Bank & Investments	\$'000
Cash at Bank & Investments	37,913
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	42,823
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	33,073
<b>Total Cash at Bank &amp; Investments</b>	<b>113,809</b>



**Accounts Receivable (Trade Debtors)**

This section considers the receipt timing of Rates collection and any general Debtors outstanding. The performance on Rates recovery is compared to the prior year. The report also includes information on, aged debtors including general debtors, infringements, and Rates arrears.

**Accounts Payable (Trade Creditors)**

The Accounts Payable owing at the 31st October 2022 was \$4.85M at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once approved.

	<b><i>Ageing 1-30 Days</i></b>	<b><i>Ageing 31-60 Days</i></b>	<b><i>Ageing 61-90 Days</i></b>	<b><i>Ageing 90+ Days</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
Trade Creditors	1,032,103	3,509,153	57,545	18,535	4,617,521
ATO & Payroll	230,185				230,185

**Other notes to the financial reports**

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month of October 2022.

Our internal accounting conventions for monthly reporting currently recognise the Council Rates that are attributable to that month and then progressively throughout the year.

Please note that these reports are unaudited management financial reports. Information contained in the reports were current as at the date of the reports and may not reflect any event or circumstances which occurred after the date the reports were completed.

**Procurement Reporting**

Under the Local Government (General) Regulations, Council is required to disclose at the next Council meeting and on the City of Darwin website:

- contract variations:
  - where a tender was not required, however the total cost exceeds \$100,000, or
  - where a contract requiring a tender is varied by 10%.
- exempt procurement greater than \$100,000


**Contract Variations**

There were no reportable contract variations for October 2022.

**Exempt Procurement**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Supply</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Applicable Exemption</b>
Veolia Environmental Services	Fuel for Benevap machine	\$169,630.47	Reg 38(1)(h) Only one supplier



Telstra Corporation Limited	Relocation works	\$204,897.69	Reg 38(1)(h) Only one supplier
<p><b><u>Certification by the CEO to the Council</u></b></p> <p>That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:</p> <p>(1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and</p> <p>(2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.</p> <p></p> <p>CEO Signed 19 October 2022</p>			
<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>N/A</p>			
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.3 Decision Making and Management</p>		
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/A		
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p>Part 2 Division 7 the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> require that a monthly financial report is presented to Council each month setting out:</p> <p>(a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and</p> <p>(b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and</p> <p>(c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.</p> <p>Regulation 17(5) Part 2 Division 7 the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 require that the monthly report must be accompanied by:</p> <p>(a) a certification, in writing, by the CEO to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:</p> <p>(i) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and</p>		

	<p>(ii) the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council; or</p> <p>(b) if the CEO cannot provide the certification – written reasons for not providing the certification.</p> <p>This report remains in compliance with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2008 and Regulations</i> and is being transitioned to the new requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>. The new required format is mandatory on and from the month following the first budget review in the 2022-23 year.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report authors do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

Income Statement For the Period Ended 31 October 2022	2022/23						
	2023 YTD Actual		2023 YTD Budget		Variance	FY Revised Budget	FY Original Budget
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Rates	26,679	72%	26,738	71%	(59)	80,215	80,215
Charges	880	2%	860	2%	20	2,282	2,282
Fees and Charges	7,417	20%	8,372	22%	(955)	24,521	24,521
Operating Grants and Subsidies	536	1%	363	1%	173	2,744	5,760
Interest / Investment Income	837	2%	544	1%	292	1,633	1,633
Other Income	862	2%	738	2%	125	1,763	1,763
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>37,211</b>		<b>37,615</b>		<b>(403)</b>	<b>113,158</b>	<b>116,174</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Employee Expenses	12,845	29%	12,948	28%	103	38,893	38,893
Materials and Contracts	20,122	46%	21,149	46%	1,027	58,559	57,603
Elected Member Allowances	203	0%	244	1%	42	733	733
Elected Member Expenses	0	0%	21	0%	21	64	64
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	10,564	24%	11,324	25%	759	33,971	33,971
Interest Expenses	189	0%	213	0%	24	2,354	2,354
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>43,923</b>		<b>45,899</b>		<b>1,976</b>	<b>134,573</b>	<b>133,618</b>
<b>Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,712)</b>		<b>(8,284)</b>		<b>1,573</b>	<b>(21,416)</b>	<b>(17,444)</b>
Capital Grants Income	1,083		1,153		(70)	10,733	9,360
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(5,629)</b>		<b>(7,131)</b>		<b>1,503</b>	<b>(10,682)</b>	<b>(8,084)</b>

Statement of Fund Flows For the Period Ended 31 October 2022	2022/23		
	Oct 2022 YTD Actual \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000
<b><u>Funds From Operating Activities</u></b>			
Net Operating Result From Above	(5,629)	(10,682)	(8,084)
Add back depreciation (not cash)	10,564	33,971	33,971
Add back Other Non Cash Items	0	708	708
<b>Net Funds Provided (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>4,935</b>	<b>23,997</b>	<b>26,595</b>
<b><u>Funds From Investing activities</u></b>			
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	235	735	736
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(11,376)	(76,738)	(60,499)
<b>Net Funds Provided (or used in) Investing Activities</b>	<b>(11,141)</b>	<b>(76,003)</b>	<b>(59,763)</b>
<b><u>Funds From Financing Activities</u></b>			
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	10,000	35,500	35,500
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(629)	(5,248)	(5,248)
<b>Net Funds Provided (or used in) Financing Activities</b>	<b>9,371</b>	<b>30,252</b>	<b>30,252</b>
<b>Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds Before Transfers</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>(21,753)</b>	<b>(2,916)</b>
Transfers from (-to) Reserves	15,635	21,753	2,916
<b>Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds After Transfers</b>	<b>18,798</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2022	2022/23			2021/22
	Oct 2022 Actual \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Audited \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank & Investments	37,913	12,073	28,312	19,965
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	42,823	39,696	38,266	43,752
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	33,073	30,080	30,122	47,778
Trade & Other Receivables	55,353	11,646	11,646	12,089
Inventories	298	400	400	304
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>169,459</b>	<b>93,895</b>	<b>108,746</b>	<b>123,888</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,249,954	1,240,781	1,224,542	1,249,378
Lease Right of Use Assets	3,682	0	0	3,682
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>1,253,636</b>	<b>1,240,781</b>	<b>1,224,542</b>	<b>1,253,060</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,423,095</b>	<b>1,334,676</b>	<b>1,333,288</b>	<b>1,376,948</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade Payables	13,075	19,471	22,069	20,254
Rates Revenue struck (in advance)	53,561	0	0	0
Borrowings	2,141	5,392	5,392	2,770
Provisions	12,206	6,086	6,086	12,182
Lease Liabilities	837	862	862	837
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>81,820</b>	<b>34,409</b>	<b>34,409</b>	<b>36,043</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade & Other Payables	14	0	0	14
Borrowings	38,244	59,884	59,884	32,244
Provisions	51,048	28,195	28,195	51,048
Lease Liabilities	3,004	2,458	2,458	3,004
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>92,310</b>	<b>90,537</b>	<b>90,537</b>	<b>86,310</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>174,130</b>	<b>124,946</b>	<b>124,946</b>	<b>122,353</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,248,966</b>	<b>1,209,730</b>	<b>1,208,342</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Accumulated Surplus	310,943	313,427	316,025	300,937
Asset Revaluation Reserve	862,128	823,929	823,929	862,128
Other Reserves	75,895	69,776	68,388	91,530
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,248,966</b>	<b>1,207,132</b>	<b>1,208,342</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>



**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL  
AS AT  
31 October 2022**

**Investment and Cash at Call/Offset Distribution by Term to Maturity**

**Term to Maturity Policy Limits**

There have been no breaches in Term to Maturity Policy limits for the month of October 2022

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
<b>Less than 1 Year</b>			
Term Deposits	72%		
NAB on Call Account	9%		
NAB Variable Loan Surplus Offset	4%		
Bonds	2%		
<b>Less than 1 Year Total</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	5%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	5%		
Bonds	3%		
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Greater than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Greater than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Greater than 5 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
<b>Greater than 5 Years Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>		

**Investment Distribution by Portfolio Credit Rating**

**Portfolio Distribution Credit Rating Limits**

There have been no breaches in Portfolio Credit Rating Limits for the month of October 2022

Credit Rating - Maximum Individual Limit		ADI	Counterparty	% of Total Portfolio	Individual Counterparty Limits of Total Investments
<b>AA-</b>		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	33%	50%
		National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	21%	50%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	16%	50%
		Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	4%	50%
<b>A+</b>		Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Bank	1%	30%
		Suncorp Metway Limited	Suncorp Bank	5%	30%
<b>BBB+</b>		Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	6%	10%
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	9%	10%
<b>BBB</b>		AMP Bank Ltd	AMP Bank Ltd	5%	10%
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>100%</b>	

Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit		% of Total	Policy Limit
<b>AAA to AA-</b>		74%	100%
<b>A+ to A-</b>		6%	45%
<b>BBB+ to BBB</b>		20%	30%
<b>BBB-</b>		0%	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	

## INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL

AS AT

31 October 2022

								FRN ONLY					
Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type	(Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	%			
VESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	14 February 2023	0.80%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,502,934	1.4			
			14 February 2023	1.90%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			21 March 2023	2.03%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9			
			2 May 2023	2.14%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			2 May 2023	2.50%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			28 March 2023	2.38%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			8 November 2022	1.93%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9			
			13 December 2022	2.11%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9			
			23 May 2023	2.79%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9			
			13 June 2023	4.09%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	2.9			
			18 November 2022	3.12%	AA-	A1+	FRN	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.9			
			20 February 2023	4.24%	AA-	A1+	BOND	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.9			
			4 April 2023	3.86%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			11 January 2023	4.04%	AA-	A1+	FRN	11 January 2024	\$1,000,000	0.9			
			18 April 2023	3.94%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9			
			18 April 2023	3.92%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			14 March 2023	3.81%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,512,452	1.4			
			11 November 2022	2.70%	AA-	A1+	BOS		\$9,035,287	8.7			
					Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$34,050,673	32.9
					National Australia Bank Ltd	29 November 2022	0.63%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4
						29 November 2022	2.14%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,066,871	2.9
						24 January 2023	1.05%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,504,695	1.4
						2 May 2023	2.02%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,518,333	1.4
						28 March 2023	1.91%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,504,652	1.4
						23 May 2023	4.13%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,512,282	1.4
						28 February 2023	3.63%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9
						20 June 2023	4.19%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,511,994	1.4
						25 July 2023	3.93%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,545,616	1.4
						25 July 2023	4.26%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,529,182	1.4
				14 March 2023		3.73%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,544,358	1.4	
				National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$17,737,983	17.1	
				Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	6 December 2022	0.57%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
					5 December 2023	1.22%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
					3 December 2024	1.62%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
					24 January 2023	0.78%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4	
					24 January 2023	4.18%	AA-	A1+	FRN	24 April 2024	\$1,000,000	0.9	
					23 January 2024	1.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4	
					21 February 2023	0.98%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
					28 February 2023	3.65%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9	
					25 July 2023	4.11%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
				26 September 2023	4.68%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9		
				Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$17,000,000	16.4	
				Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC)	15 December 2022	0.50%	AA-	A1+	BOND		\$2,000,000	1.9	
					15 December 2024	1.30%	AA-	A1+	BOND		\$2,000,000	1.9	
				Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC) Total							\$4,000,000	3.8	
		MAJOR BANK Total										\$72,788,656	70.4
		OTHER		AMP Bank Ltd	1 November 2022	1.00%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,505,984	1.4	
					3 October 2023	2.30%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9	
					25 July 2023	4.45%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9	
					4 April 2023	4.00%	BBB	A2	TD		\$2,000,000	1.9	
		AMP Bank Ltd Total							\$5,505,984	5.3			
		Bank of Queensland Ltd	1 November 2022	0.57%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,533,695	1.4			
			29 November 2022	0.62%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,506,393	1.4			
			8 November 2022	2.67%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$3,000,000	2.9			
		Bank of Queensland Ltd Total							\$6,040,088	5.8			
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	14 February 2023	0.85%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,503,826	1.4			
			21 February 2023	0.85%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,504,027	1.4			
			21 February 2023	1.25%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,504,430	1.4			
			21 March 2023	1.25%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,542,296	1.4			
			8 November 2022	2.55%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$3,000,000	2.9			
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total							\$9,054,580	8.7			
		Macquarie Bank	14 November 2022	3.14%	A+	A1	FRN	12 February 2025	\$1,000,000	0.9			
		Macquarie Bank Total							\$1,000,000	0.9			
		Suncorp Bank	22 November 2022	1.02%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,000,000	0.9			
			28 February 2023	2.80%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,503,406	1.4			
			20 June 2023	4.20%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,500,000	1.4			
			17 January 2023	3.82%	A+	A1	FRN	17 October 2025	\$1,000,000	0.9			
		Suncorp Bank Total							\$5,003,406	4.8			
OTHER Total									\$26,604,058	25.7			
ESTMENT Total									\$99,392,713	96.1			
ARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	National Australia Bank Ltd	11 November 2022	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - NAB Variable Loans		\$4,000,000	3.8			
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$4,000,000	3.8			
MAJOR BANK Total									\$4,000,000	3.8			
RIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total									\$4,000,000	3.8			
ind Total									\$103,927,13.5	10			

IV TYPE - FRN = interest rate is the 'Coupon Margin' established on issue date, this plus 3M BBSW provides the yield for the current coupon period.

MATURITY DATE - FRN = the interest coupon payment date not actual FRN maturity date (paid every 91 days).

General Bank Funds	\$9,130,595
NAB On Call Funds	\$4,920,909
Total Funds	\$117,444,217
Less Variable Loans Offset	-\$4,000,000
Total Investment & Cash (less offset)	\$113,444,217

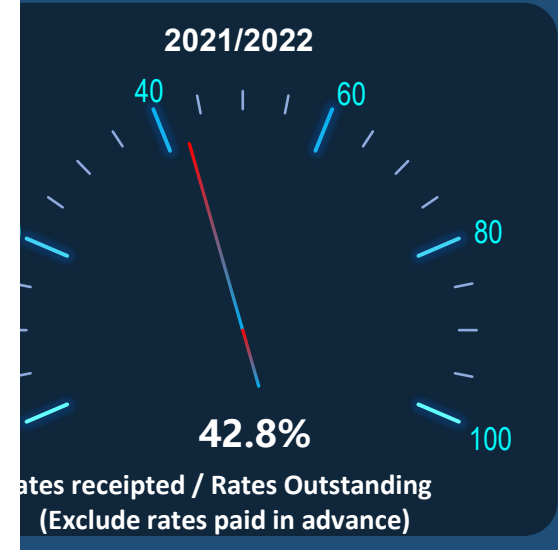
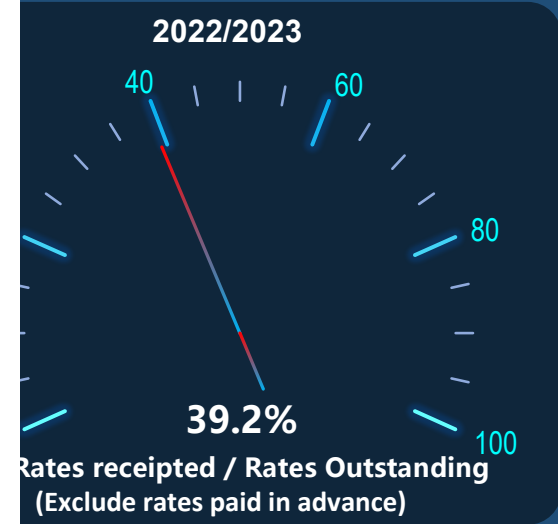
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$992,937
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$581,993

Weighted Ave Rate	2.40%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	3.09%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	2.86%

Trust Bank Account	\$456,989
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# Monthly Rates & Receivable Statistic Dashboard

October 2022

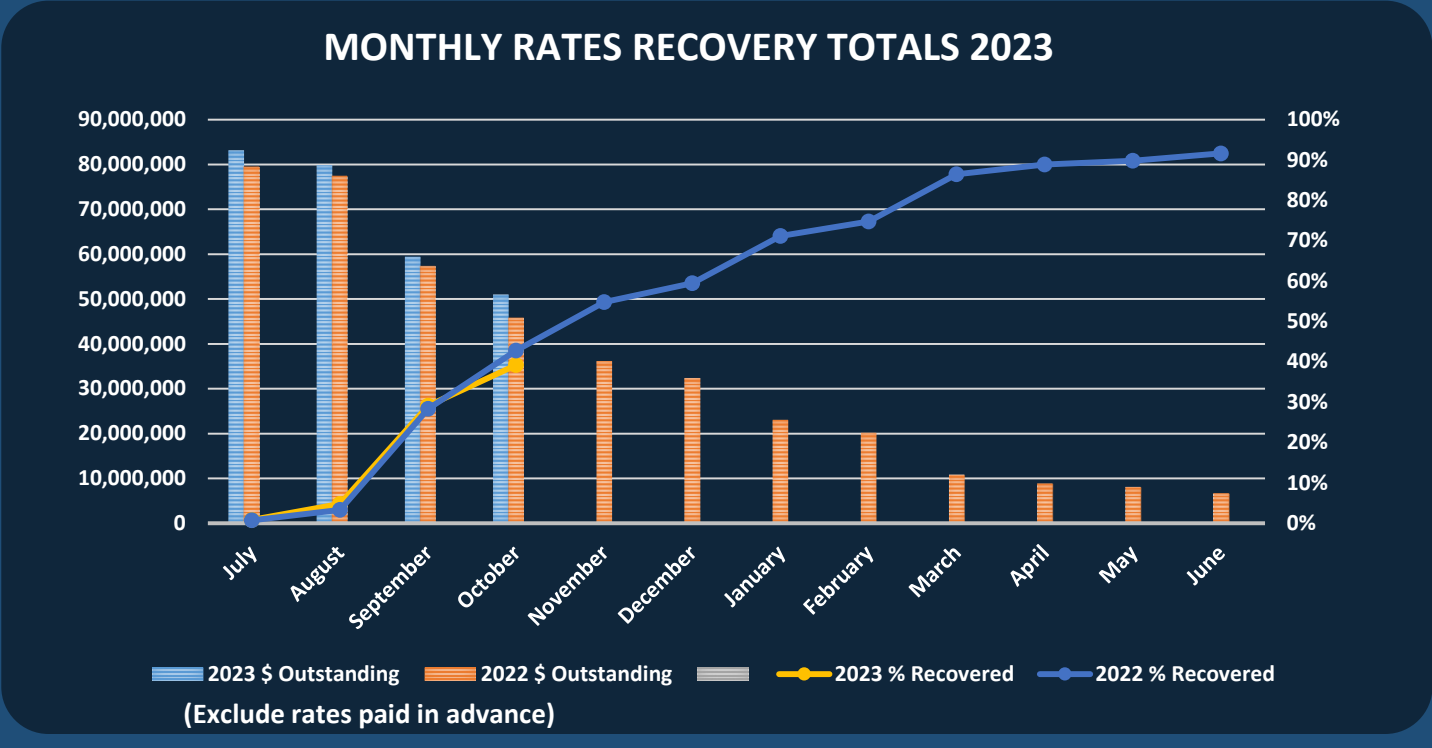


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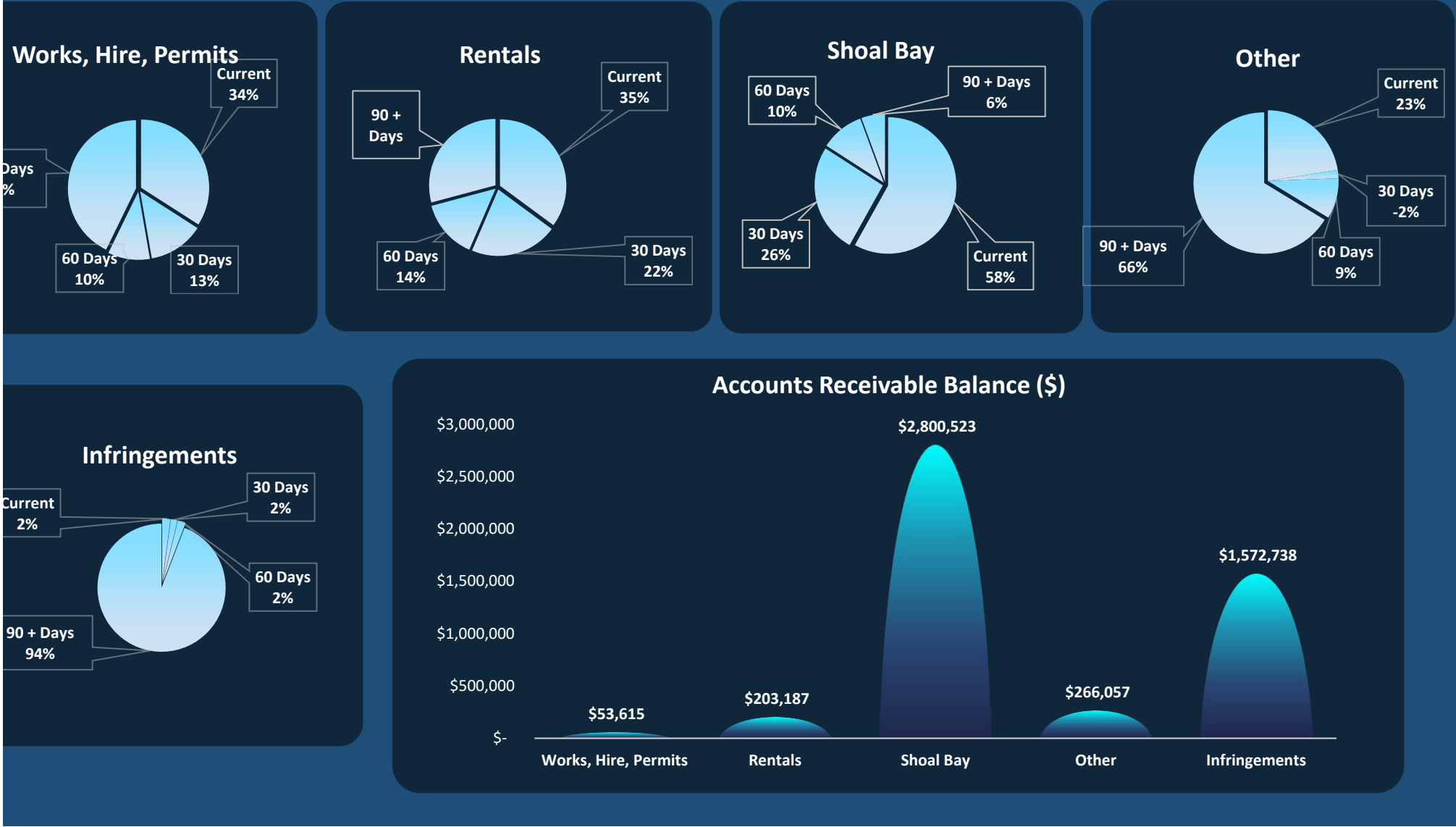
Receivable	\$51,009,723	Arrears:	\$3,914,069
Balance			

**Accounts Receivable**

Balance	\$3,323,381
(Excl. Infringement)	



Accounts Receivable - Aging Analysis (Per category) (\$)



**15.2 REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL NON-DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS - PROGRESS REPORT**

**Author:** Executive Manager Technical Services  
Senior Design Officer

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Review of Municipal Non-Default Speed Limits – Progress Report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the status of the review of roads within City of Darwin's jurisdiction with non-default speed limits (i.e. other than 50 km/hr) and to provide a roadmap forward.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The default speed limit of a road in a built-up area within Darwin is 50km/hr.
- In 2005, the default speed limit of a road in a built-up area within Darwin was reduced from 60km/hr to 50km/hr.
- Current geometric road design practice is based on a design speed of 10 km/hr higher than the posted (or default) speed limit of the road.
- City of Darwin owns approximately 93 sections of road (41 urban and 52 industrial) where the speed limit is different to the default speed limit.
- City of Darwin's Movement Strategy promotes a people first philosophy that aligns with lowering the speed limits of some roads within the Darwin municipality to provide safer and more attractive routes for cycling and micro-mobility.



## DISCUSSION

This is an initial progress report into the review of all City of Darwin (CoD) roads with non-default speed limits, in response to the below mentioned Council Resolution (ORD297/22).

Given the low pedestrian numbers and expected low proportion of vulnerable road users along industrial roads, the current typical 60km/h speed limit of such roads is considered suitable. Therefore, these roads have not been included in the scope of the review at this time.

The ultimate purpose of the review is therefore to:

- identify all non-industrial CoD roads and sections of road within the Darwin municipality that have posted speed limits other than the default speed limit of 50 km/hr,
- review the appropriateness of these posted speed limits, considering factors such as speed, volume, number of crashes, land use, road hierarchy/function and prevalence of vulnerable road users,
- consider the people first philosophy of the Movement Strategy, and
- make recommendations in regard to any changes to these posted speed limits.

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed (i.e. the speed at which 85% of motorists travel at or below under free flow conditions, when their speed choice is not constrained by vehicles in front of them) is generally considered to be the “*operating speed*” of the road and is the traditional speed criterion when assessing or reviewing speed limits along roads.

The below table outlines all non-industrial CoD owned roads which have posted speed limits other than the default speed limit of 50 km/hr. It provides their hierarchies, posted speed limits, 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds (from available traffic counts undertaken since 2017) and typical adjacent land use and densities along their alignments. Multiple measured speeds are provided along some roads to reflect multiple traffic counter locations.

Road Name	Suburb	Hierarchy Classification	Pos ted Spe ed Limi t	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speeds	Typical adjacent Land Use Zoning and Density
Abala Road	Marrara	Local	40	51.7, 33.5	OR (Organised Recreation) partially built-up
Alec Fong Lim Drive	East Point	Local	30	34.4	PS (Public Open Space) 60% / OR (Organised Recreation) 40% sparsely built-up
Atkins Drive	The Gardens	Local	40	56.7, 38.7, 49.7	PS (Public Open Space) 80% / OR (Organised Recreation) 20% sparsely built-up
Bennett Street (Cavenagh St to Mitchell St)	Darwin City	Primary Collector	40	40.7	CB (Central business) 90% / PS (Public Space) 10% fully built-up
Dick Ward Drive (Ross Smith Ave to Douglas St)	Coconut Grove	Sub Arterial	60	Not measured yet	OR (Organised Recreation) 50% / U (Utilities) 15% / PS (Public Space) 20% / MR (Medium Density Residential) 10% / LR and C (Low Density Residential Commercial) 5% partially built-up
Dick Ward (Douglas to Totem) Drive	Coconut Grove	Sub Arterial	70	Not measured yet	CN (Conservation) 60% / CL (community Living 5% / RD Restricted Development 25% / S D37 (Specific Use Zone) 10%

					Sparsely built-up
Dick Ward Drive (Totem Rd to Progress Dr)	Coconut Grove	Sub Arterial	60		LI (Light Industry) 30% / RR (Rural Residential) 10% / LMR (Low-Medium Density Residential) 30% / MR (Medium Density residential) 15% / LR (Low Density Residential) 15% fully built-up
East Point Road (Ross Smith Ave to Alec Fong Lim Dr)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	58.5, 55.1, 60.5	PS (Public Space) 70% / LMR (Low-Medium Density Residential) 28% / Other Zones 2% partially built-up
East Point Road (Ross Smith Avenue to Gilruth Ave)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	Not measured yet	LR (Low Density Residential) 45% / PS (Public Space) 15% / OR (Organised Recreation) 15% / CP (Community Purpose) 10% / LMR (Low-Medium Density residential) 15% partially built-up
Gilruth Avenue	The Gardens	Sub Arterial	60	Not measured yet	OR (Organised Recreation) 40% / PS (Public Space) 40% / Community Purpose 15% / Other zones 5% (TC, HT, HR) fully built-up
Lee Point Road (McMillans Rd to Jabiru St)	Anula	Arterial	70	Not measured yet	LR (Low Density Residential) 75% / Other Zones 25% LMR, CP, PS partially built-up
Lee Point Road (Jabiru St to Dulinda Tce)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR (Low Density Residential) 75% / Other Zones 25% LMR, CP, PS, U, CP partially built-up
Lee Point Road (Dulinda Tce to Lee Point)	Anula	Secondary Collector	70	74.0	LR (Low Density Residential) 60% / FD (Future Development) 20% / Other Zones 20% LMR, CP, PS, U, CP, CV, CN partially built-up
Ross Smith Avenue	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	63.4, 59.8, 59.4, 58.3, 60.5	LR (Low Density Residential) 70% / Other Zones 30% LMR, OR, CP, C, PS Fully built-up
Dinah Beach Road	Stuart Park	Primary Collector	60	63.5, 66.1, 63.0	GI & LI (General and Light Industry) 20% / SD 20 (Specific Use Zone) 40% / CN (Conservation) 10% / CL (Community Living) 10% / CP (Community Purpose) 10% / CN (Conservation) 10% partially built-up
Dripstone Road	Nakara	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR (Low Density Residential) 50% / CP (Community Purpose) 30% / C (Commercial) 10% / Other Zones 10% fully built-up

Ellengowan Drive	Nakara	Primary Collector	60	58.7, 55.8	LR (Low Density Residential) 70% / C (community Purpose) 20% / Other 10% fully built-up
Fitzer Drive	Ludmilla	Primary Collector	60	56.9	Zone SD37 50% / LR 40% / RD (Restricted Development) 10% partially built-up
Freshwater Road	Jingili	Primary Collector	60	61.0, 60.1, 59.0	LR 50% / SD11 25% / CP 10% / OR 10% Other 5% fully built-up
Gardens Road	The Gardens	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	OR (Organised Recreation) 50% / CB (Central business) 15% / LMR (Low-Medium Density) 15% / PS (Public Space) 15% / Other Zones 5% CP, CN fully built-up
Henbury Avenue	Tiwi	Primary Collector	60	56.5, 47.5, 56.9	LR 60% / CP 20% / OR 20% fully built-up
Kalymnos Drive	Kamara	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR 70% / MR 30% fully built-up
Lakeside Drive	Alawa	Primary Collector	60	63.0	LR 60% / PS 15% / CP 15% / Other Zone 5% fully built-up
Leanyer Drive	Leanyer	Primary Collector	60	59.0, 59.4, 63.7, 60.8	LR 80% Other Zones 20% fully built-up
Malak Crescent	Malak	Primary Collector	60	52.9	LR 60% / PS 15% / CP 15% / MR 10% fully built-up
Maria Liveris Drive	The Gardens	Local	40	24.8	PS 100% Sparsely built-up
Matthews Road	Wulagi	Primary Collector	60	65.2, 49.7, 63.4	LR 70% / CP 25% / SD325% fully built-up
Mitchell Street (Bennett St to Packard St)	Darwin City	Secondary Collector	40	47.3	CB (Central Business) 80% / {Other Zones 20% [HR, LMR]15% / [TC,PS] 5%} fully built-up
Mueller Road	Malak	Primary Collector	60	51.3	LR 80% / CP 10% / PS 10% fully built-up
Nadpur Street	Ludmilla	Secondary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR 100% Sparsely built-up
Nightcliff Road	Nightcliff	Primary Collector	60	57.2, 59.4, 55.4	LR 65% / CP 15% / MR 10% / Other Zones 10% fully built-up
Old McMillans Road Road (Dick Ward Dr to Bagot Rd)	Coconut Grove	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR 40% / RR 30% / OR 15% / MR 10% / SD33 5% fully built-up
Parap Road	Parap	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	MR 40% / C 25% / LR 15% / C 15% / LMR 5% / fully built-up

Parer Drive	Moil	Primary Collector	60	63.9, 61.0	LR 80% / CP15% / PS 5% fully built-up
Patterson Street	Malak	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LR 60% / CP 40% fully built-up
Rapid Creek Road	Rapid Creek	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	MR 50% / CN 40% / OR and SD11 (5%) partially built-up
Rocklands Drive	Tiwi	Primary Collector	60	67.1, 67.7, 66.2, 69.7	CN 50% / LR 40% / MR & CP (10%) partially built-up
Rothdale Road	Jingili	Primary Collector	60	68.2, 67.0	LR 75% / C 10% / CP 10% / Other Zones 5% fully built-up
Tambling Terrace (Henbury Ave to Wanguri Terrace)	Wanguri	Primary Collector	60	51.5	LR 60% / LMR 40% fully built-up
Tolmer Street	Anula	Primary Collector	60	51.7, 57.1	LR 100% fully built-up
Totem Road	Ludmilla	Primary Collector	60	Not measured yet	LI (Light Industry) 50% / PS 30 % / SD37 20% partially built-up
Trower Road (Vanderlin Dr to Claymore Circuit)	Brinkin	Primary Collector	60	63.5, 63.0, 61.4, 64.4, 65.7	LR 50% / C 15% / MR 10% / CP, OR CN (25%) fully built-up
Union Terrace	Anula	Primary Collector	60	49.7, 61.7, 61.9, 44.8	LR 90% / Other Zones 10% fully built-up
Urquhart Street (Vickers St to Parap Rd)	Parap	Local	40	Not measured yet	CP 50% / C 25% / LR 25% fully built-up
Woolner Road	Woolner	Sub Arterial	60	54.4, 49.7, 60.3, 60.1	PS 25% / CP 25% / LMR 25% / MR 25% partially built-up
Boulter Road	Berrimah	Secondary Collector	60	63.7	LR 20% / LMR 20% / SD 47 15% / CP 20% / CN,RR & C (25%) fully built-up

**Note:**

Fully built-up denotes development extending along at least 90% of the road frontage on both sides of the road.

Partially built-up denotes development along 25%–90% of the road frontage on both sides of the road.

Sparsely built-up denotes development which extends along less than 25% of the road frontage or occurs on only one side of the road.

**Current Speed Limit Review Process**

The current approach involves initially measuring operating speeds with traffic counter loops (and comparing these to the road speed limit), traffic volumes, road hierarchy and function, reviewing the crash history (as per the Northern Territory Police database provided by Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics) and considering vulnerable road reserve users and land use. City of Darwin Officers consider the people first philosophy of the Movement Strategy (where appropriate and feasible and does not result in exacerbating existing traffic issues) when developing the Local Area Traffic Management guidelines and programme for this financial year.

Although Austroads' aspirational safe systems approach has a desirable speed of 30km/hr, without significant physical infrastructure road upgrades, it is difficult to reduce considerably higher operating speeds to this range. Below is an example of a local road in the municipality where speed limit signs alone were shown to have negligible, if any impact on reducing vehicles operation speeds. Austroads also states that it is appropriate to use a speed limit sign or indication device where vehicle speeds need to be reduced, if the proposed speed limit is compatible with the street speed environment. Consequently, it is considered that a measured approach is to undertake enforcement and education where operating speeds only exceed speed limits by one to five km/hr and consider physical road changes beyond that range, for financial sustainability reasons.

In 2015, City of Darwin trialled the installation of 50 km/hr speed limit signs on Wanguri Terrace, without any additional accompanying traffic calming devices, to determine if the 50 km/hr signs alone would successfully reduce vehicle speeds. Traffic counts undertaken both before and after the installation of the 50 km/hr speed limit signs revealed that the speed limit signs alone had little, if any, effect on speed reduction.

With the abovementioned approach, from the available measured speed data alone, roads identified that could potentially have their speed limits reduced from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr, without significant physical changes to the road, are Malak Crescent, Mueller Road and Tambling Terrace (from Henbury Avenue to Wanguri Terrace). Furthermore, the speed limit of Maria Liveris Drive could potentially be reduced from 40 km/hr to 30 km/hr. However, other factors such as the Movement Strategy, road volume, road hierarchy and function, would also need to be considered prior to arriving at a final recommendation, as changes to one road can sometimes result in undesirable impacts on other roads within a local area.

So far, this review has also identified that there is a non-conformance with the 60km/h speed limit of Rocklands Drive and Rothdale Road (both two through lanes in both directions), as well as non-conformance with the 40km/h speed limit of some sections of Abala Road and Atkins Drive. Methods to reduce vehicle speeds along these roads and other roads with non-conforming vehicle speeds identified in the review, will be investigated.

For the remaining roads with available traffic count data, the review to date suggests that their current speed limits are adequate.

As stated previously, further overlays to consider are the number of crashes along each section road, road hierarchy and function, the land use in the area, expected prevalence of vulnerable road users and the people first philosophy of the Movement Strategy. These stages have not been completed to date and will follow.

**Further Considerations**

It should be noted that much of the traffic count data available to CoD, is several years old. There are also a significant number of roads with no available traffic count data, or data that is older than five years. For these reasons, in order to make this review consistent and current and lead to meaningful conclusions and recommendations, it is considered that new traffic counts should be undertaken for all of the roads within this review.

These counts are undertaken by an external provider, with a finite number of available counters. Counters are typically in place for seven days and longer roads will require multiple counter positions. Multiple counters can be employed along multiple roads, but that depends on the provider's capacity. Given the above, providing there is funding available, this process could take several months to complete.

The estimated cost of undertaking these new traffic counts along all of these roads (assuming three counters per road), is \$60,000.

This amount is not available in current operational budgets to conduct all of the counts concurrently and continuously. Utilising a staged approach however, by undertaking approximately \$20,000 worth of counts over the coming months (commencing after January 2023) and the balance of the counts (approximately \$40,000 worth) at the start of the 2023/24 Financial Year, would allow for these new counts to be undertaken utilising existing and expected future budgets.

The time required to undertake the analysis work involved in this review requires CoD staff resources or external resources. CoD is currently recruiting three Design Officers. Until recruited and given existing priorities and budgets, it would be difficult to make significant progress on this review until the first months of 2023.

Therefore, considering the above mentioned, a realistic completion timeframe for this review is the end of the First Quarter of 2023/24.

It is considered that installing signage alone to reduce any speed limits, where the operating speed of the road is greater than the desired speed limit, will not be effective without heavy policing of speed non-conformance or the introduction of physical devices, including road narrowing, to force a reduction in the speed environment.

CoD is currently trialling a data aggregation and analytics company's road intelligence online application that uses connected vehicles and sophisticated algorithms to collect and predict traffic data, including speeds and volumes, across Australian roads. Given that this trial is only in its early stages and that some data interpolation is required to accurately reflect the relatively low traffic volumes on Darwin roads compared to other metropolitan areas in Australia, this application will not be used in this review at this time. However, after a significant degree of data correlation between traffic counter speeds and volumes and those generated by the application is achieved, this would provide confidence to utilise the application speed and volume data, rather than the traditional tubed traffic count method, going forward. We have not reached that stage yet.



<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p><b>1. Collection of new traffic data</b></p> <p>This involves undertaking \$20,000 worth of new traffic counts after January 2023.</p> <p>The remainder of the new traffic counts can be undertaken in early 2023/24 when the 2023/24 budget becomes available.</p> <p><b>2. Further collection of new traffic data</b></p> <p>Whilst the abovementioned traffic counts are being undertaken, providing the Technical Design team becomes fully resourced, the other relevant data mentioned above can be collated for each road included in the review.</p> <p><b>3. Analysis of all available data</b></p> <p>The abovementioned data will be analysed, with conclusions reached and recommendations formulated. This is expected to be completed by 30 September 2023.</p> <p>Whilst the counters are collecting the required speed data and vehicle volume data, the review of crashes, road hierarchy and function, land use and vulnerable users can commence.</p> <p><b>4. Report to Council on outcomes of the review</b></p> <p>Following the completion of Step 3, a report to Council on the review outcomes will be prepared and presented to Council.</p>	
<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>At the 28 June 2022 meeting Council resolved:</p> <p><b>18.1 SPEED LIMITS ON ALL CITY OF DARWIN MANAGED ROADS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION ORD297/22</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt</p> <p>Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris</p> <p>THAT a report is provided to Council listing all City of Darwin managed roads/sections of roads with a posted speed limit different to the default limit of 50 km/hr. The list will also highlight any roads/sections of roads with major discrepancies between the adjacent land use and posted speed limit. The report shall be tabled at the first Ordinary Council Meeting in October.</p> <p>This report supports the 'people first' philosophy of the City of Darwin Movement Strategy to prioritise vulnerable people and will help inform the speed limit review actions of the Strategy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 9/0</b></p>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure</p> <p>1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered</p>
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> Refer to the costings provided in the Discussion.</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> If the approach outlined in this report is implemented, the work can be undertaken within existing budgets.</p> <p><b>Existing Position No:</b> The review will be undertaken by staff within the Technical Services section, with inputs from other CoD staff as required.</p>

	<b>Contractor:</b> A locally based company will undertake the traffic counts required.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Northern Territory Traffic Regulations and Australian Road Rules <b>Policy/Strategy:</b> Movement Strategy
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> N/A at this stage-but will require consultation if any speed limit changes are intended. <b>Tactics:</b> Letters to residents, MLA's, Councillors, NTPFES, social media, etc. <b>Internal:</b> Various <b>External:</b> See above
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

**15.3 PLAY SPACE STRATEGY 2022-2030 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

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**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

**Attachments:**

1. [Play Space Strategy Community & Stakeholder Engagement Report](#)
2. [Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report - Appendices](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Play Space Strategy 2022-2030 Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that the finalised Play Space Strategy be presented to Council for endorsement in early 2023.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Play Space Strategy consultation outcomes.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin has developed a draft Play Space Strategy 2022-2030 to provide a framework for the provision of public play and recreation spaces across the municipality.
- City of Darwin engaged Atria Group to undertake community and stakeholder consultation on the draft Play Space Strategy over four weeks from 12 September to 7 October 2022.
- Consultation participation included:
  - 240 surveys completed
  - 100 ideas submitted
  - 110 semi-structured interviews held
  - Three focus groups attended with total of 15 attendees
  - 50+ Stakeholders contacted via email
  - 1 stakeholder meeting held
- The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report at **Attachment 1** provides 10 key recommendations informed by consultation themes and insights.

## DISCUSSION

City of Darwin has developed a draft Play Space Strategy 2022-2030 to provide a framework for the provision of public play and recreation spaces across the municipality, including playgrounds, adult exercise stations, skate parks and hard-court surfaces.

The strategy details actions under the following priority areas:

1. **Quality over Quantity.** Provide venues with broad appeal over smaller sites with limited play appeal, equitably located across our municipality.
2. **Diversity of Play.** Provide venues with inspiring and creative play opportunities for a wider range of ages, abilities and backgrounds including opportunity for 'risky' and adventurous play.
3. **Maximising Use.** Provide spaces with opportunities for physical activity and social interaction for an extended time.
4. **Access for All Abilities.** Provide inclusive spaces for people of all abilities to play, be active and socialise together.
5. **Shade and Weather Mitigation.** Provide spaces that incorporate opportunities to reduce weather impacts at play and active recreation spaces to support extended use.
6. **Sustainable Asset Management.** Provide timely repair and sustainable renewal and development of sites.

In 2022, Atria Group were engaged to undertake community consultation on the draft document. This report details the findings of the consultation.

### Consultation Goals and Objectives

1. Inform the community and stakeholders about the strategy to guide future planning and delivery of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets
2. Explore the current usage and preferences of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets
3. Seek feedback on the direction of the strategy

### Consultation Participation

Consultation ran for 4 weeks from 12 September to 7 October 2022. The table below details the methods used to engage with the community, and the number of people who participated in the consultation.

Engagement method	Opportunities to Engage	Consultation Participation
Engage Darwin Webpage	Survey	240 surveys completed <i>90% of respondents were residents, residing in 32 different suburbs.</i> <i>Respondents ranged in age from 12-70+, the highest number of participants 35-49yrs (50%)</i>

	Ideas page	100 ideas submitted 306 comments/interactions on ideas page
Public consultation sessions	<p>Opportunity to participate in semi-structured conversations and complete the survey at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lake Alexander Playground/ East Point Exercise Station</li> <li>- Holzerland Park, Malak</li> <li>- Bicentennial Park Play Space</li> <li>- Jingili Water Gardens &amp; Skate Park</li> </ul>	110 semi-structured interviews held across four public consultation sessions and four City of Darwin programs, at two different locations in each Council Ward
City of Darwin programs	<p>Consultations were delivered at established community programs to provide opportunity to participate in semi-structured conversations and complete the survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch Night Series, Top End Indoor Sports Centre</li> <li>- Healthy Darwin Empowering Women, Lyons Community Centre</li> <li>- Funbus, Yanyula Park</li> <li>- Fun in the Parks, Wanguri Park</li> </ul>	110 semi-structured interviews held across four public consultation sessions and four City of Darwin programs, at two different locations in each Council Ward.
Stakeholder Engagement	50+ emails sent inviting to participate in a meeting with consultants, attend a community event or complete the survey on Engage Darwin.	One meeting held with skateboarding stakeholders.
City of Darwin Advisory Committees	<p>Emails sent inviting to participate in a meeting with consultants or provide written submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Advisory Committee</li> <li>- Access &amp; Inclusion Advisory Committee</li> <li>- Arts &amp; Cultural Development Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	No one-one sessions requested

Focus Groups	Attendance at three CSIRO focus groups on Parks and Green Space	Three focus groups held with total of 15 attendees
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### Communications/promotions

The various engagement methods were supported by the following strategies and promotional material:

- Fact sheet
- FAQs
- Interactive map of play spaces
- Social media posts
- City of Darwin website article
- Media release
- Corflutes or posters at 30 play and recreation space locations, across all four City of Darwin Wards.

### Consultation Outcomes and Key Recommendations

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report at **Attachment 1** collates the feedback into themes, providing insights for each theme. Informed by the themes and insights, the report provides 10 key recommendations:

1. High consultation participation is evidence of the critical role and value of play spaces for people in Darwin
2. An updated Play Space Strategy be developed in line with findings of this consultation
3. An external communications plan is required to inform community about direction and investment in play spaces
4. The six pillars in the draft Play Space Strategy are validated
5. Further collaboration with CSIRO Darwin Living Lab be explored to gather further insights and innovative solutions for play spaces
6. That assessment be undertaken of current play spaces for all age segments (before school, primary school, youth, adults and older community members) and consider new development or upgrade to fulfil identified gaps
7. Future investment in play spaces should address climate and heat as the most important barriers to usage
8. Future investment is directed towards the identified gap of play spaces for youth cohort
9. Play spaces are recognised as local hubs for social cohesion and there should be more programs such as Fun Bus and community activities delivered at them
10. The updated Play Space Strategy address a range of issues that negatively impact on the experience at play spaces such as anti-social behaviour, midges/bugs, lack of parking, lack of toilets, yellow sand and poorly designed equipment.

### Next Steps

City of Darwin Officers will use the consultation outcomes and key recommendations of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report to refine the Play Space Strategy. The finalised document will be presented to Council for endorsement in the first quarter of 2023.



<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> At the 28 June Ordinary meeting Council resolved: <b>RESOLUTION ORD317/22</b> 1. THAT the report entitled Play Space Strategy be received and noted. 2. THAT Council endorse the Draft 2022-2030 Play Space Strategy at <b>Attachment 1</b> for the purpose of community and stakeholder engagement. 3. THAT a further report be presented to Council with the outcomes of community consultation on the draft 2022-2030 Play Space Strategy.	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.3 By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> \$141,900 <b>Funding fully expended:</b> <b>2019/2020</b> \$90,000 - new initiative for development of strategy \$51,900 - operational budget for playground comprehensive audits <b>2021/22</b> \$10,060 - operational budget for finalisation of the draft document <b>Funding identified:</b> <b>2022/23</b> \$22,490 ex GST - for community & stakeholder engagement, funded through operational budget <b>Contractor:</b> Atria Group were engaged to undertake the community and stakeholder engagement for the draft Play Space Strategy
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	Nil
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Discuss <b>Tactics:</b> Community consultation was held with a broad range of stakeholders and community members, as detailed above. A communication and engagement strategy was developed to support this process, as detailed above.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

# CITY OF DARWIN PLAY SPACE STRATEGY

## Community & Stakeholder Engagement Report

**November 2022**





## SUMMARY

In 2021, City of Darwin undertook a strategic planning exercise to develop a draft 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030.' This was developed with the intent to guide future planning and delivery of Darwin's Play Spaces and Recreation assets.

In 2022, City of Darwin appointed Atria Group to undertake an engagement consultancy to establish community and stakeholder insights to inform the finalisation and adoption of the Play Space Strategy 2022-2030 report. The three objectives of the consultancy were:

- 1. Inform the community and stakeholders about the strategy to guide future planning and delivery of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets**
- 2. Explore the current usage and preferences of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets**
- 3. Seek feedback on the direction of the strategy**

**The community consultation, conducted in September and October 2022, utilised a range of methods for engagement and data collection, including:**

- Direct engagement with identified stakeholders and communities of interest
- Focus groups on Parks and Public Green Spaces co-attended with CSIRO
- Activations at key sites across the municipality to engage residents at places where they gather
- Attending City of Darwin events and regular activities
- Inviting stakeholders to participate in either engagement meetings, attending planned events or submissions via Engage Darwin
- Public consultation via Engage Darwin Website, including a survey and call for ideas
- Public consultation via social media
- Public promotion for community participation, including City of Darwin website and signage at various Play Spaces

**This report highlights:**

- A highly successful engagement program that informed community and stakeholders about the new Play Space Strategy
- A method that delivered a strong insight base of usage and preferences for Darwin's Play Space and Recreation assets
- A diverse range of participants were consulted from different community backgrounds, life stages and geographical areas
- That Play Spaces are highly valued by Darwin residents, and they want to have an input into future planning
- That the Play Space strategy was found to have little value or relevance to community and stakeholders.

**Informed by community and stakeholder insights, it is recommended that:**

1. This engagement consultancy be accepted as further evidence of the critical role and value of Play Spaces for the people of Darwin
2. An updated 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' be developed in line with the findings of this engagement consultation
3. The new 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' includes an external communication plan to inform the community and stakeholders about direction and investment in Play Spaces
4. The six pillars in the 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' are validated by the findings of this consultancy
5. Further collaboration with CSIRO Darwin Living Lab be explored to consider partnership opportunities to gather new insights, innovative solutions and resourcing for Play Spaces
6. That City of Darwin assess current Play Spaces for all age segments (before school, primary school, youth, adults and older community members) to consider any new developments or upgrade to fulfil identified gaps
7. Future investment in Play Spaces addresses climate and heat as the most important barriers to usage by improving shade and water play facilities
8. Future investment is directed towards the identified gap of Play Spaces that are attractive to the Youth cohort such as advanced skate parks and equipment
9. Play Spaces are recognised as local hubs for social cohesion and more widely used in City of Darwin planning to deliver structured and unstructured programs such as Fun Bus and community group activities
10. The updated 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' address a range of issues that negatively impact on the experience of communities when using Play Spaces, such as anti-social behaviour, midgies/bugs, lack of parking, yellow sand in the playgrounds that stains, lack of toilets and poorly designed equipment



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## INTRODUCTION

In 2021, City of Darwin undertook a strategic planning exercise to develop a 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030.' This provides a framework to provide an accessible network of parks and recreation spaces to encourage active participation for all. Ultimately, this will help achieve Council's strategic direction of 'A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City'.

The strategic vision outlined within the report is *"The City of Darwin will provide and maintain vibrant outdoor spaces that support children, youth and families to have fun and participate in creative play and physical activity."* Development of the strategy included assessment and analysis of active recreation spaces including traditional playground infrastructure, and other recreation assets that provide spaces for informal physical activity participation (e.g. fitness stations and outdoor basketball courts). The strategy does not include sporting ovals or swimming pools.

In September 2022, Atria Group was appointed as new consultants to conduct an engagement program to develop community and stakeholder insights to inform the adoption of the Play Space Strategy 2022-2030 report. This included planning, delivery and reporting of engagement findings.

The engagement consultation objectives were:

1. Inform the community and stakeholders about the strategy to guide future planning and delivery of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets.
2. Explore the current usage and preferences of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets.
3. Seek feedback on the direction of the strategy.

This report will present findings from the engagement process based on the three objectives. Recommendations are included to inform next steps in development of the Play Space Strategy.



# ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

## CONSULTATION OBJECTIVE ONE:

Inform the community and key stakeholders about the development of the strategy that will guide future planning and delivery of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets.

City of Darwin is planning for the future of Darwin's play and active recreation spaces. Well planned and designed play spaces encourage local communities to socialise and build networks as well as supporting children and young people to play and develop socially, physically, emotionally and mentally. As part of this ambition, City of Darwin has invested in a community and stakeholder engagement program

### ENGAGEMENT OUTLINE

The broad community of interest for this objective was defined as residents of City of Darwin who live, work or participate in recreational activity in the region. Key groups have been identified and divided into three stakeholder tiers based on their interest and the impact the resulting strategy may have on their behaviours. The list of stakeholders is included in the appendices.

Stakeholders were directly contacted and provided with copies of the Draft Strategy, encouraged to provide feedback in writing via the Survey at Engage Darwin or direct email, and given the opportunity to have a phone conversation or meeting with the engagement consultants.

The broad community and stakeholder consultation focused on accessing a representative sample of the population to contribute via Engage Darwin, through email or in semi-structured conversations at events and activations. These events were also attended by some Councillors and Council staff.

The priority for engagement was to achieve a wide-ranging participant group covering:

1. All Council wards
2. A variety of participants such as different ages and backgrounds
3. At a variety of play space locations such as playgrounds, courts, skateparks etc.
4. At a variety of play space classifications such as local, regional and district
5. Targeted and under-represented demographics

### Communication materials:

- Webpage with all available information on Engage Darwin
- Briefing paper – internal City of Darwin
- FAQ's
- Broad community survey
- Media Releases
- Fact Sheets
- Social media posts
- Semi-structure interview plan
- Focus group plan

### Engage Darwin Webpage:

Community and stakeholders were provided with the Draft Play Space Strategy, FAQ's and an interactive map of play spaces across the municipality and invited to complete the

- Survey
- Ideas page

### Community engagements:

Four public consultations were advertised to community and stakeholders to participate in semi-structured conversations and complete a survey at:

- Lake Alexander Playground/East Point Exercise Station, Saturday 24 September, 9-11am
- Holzerland Park, Malak, Monday 26 September, 10am-12pm
- Bicentennial Park Play Space, Monday 26 September, 4-6pm
- Jingili Water Gardens & Skate Park, Wednesday 28 September, 5-7pm

### City of Darwin events:

Four public consultations were delivered at established community events to engage community and stakeholders in semi-structured conversations and complete a survey at:

- Launch Night Series- Top End Indoor Sports Centre- Youth Segment, 17 September
- Healthy Darwin Empowering Women Garanmanuk Park, 20 September
- Funbus at Yanyula Park Anula, 15 September
- Fun in the Parks Wanguri Park, 6 October

### Broad public promotion:

The invitation to participate engagement were promoted by:

- City of Darwin website

- Social Media
- Signage and corflutes displayed at 30 + locations across Darwin

### Stakeholder groups:

Over 50 stakeholders were invited to either participate in a meeting with the consultants, attend an event or complete the Engage Darwin webpage. A selection of stakeholders are shared below with a full list of stakeholders included in Appendix 4:

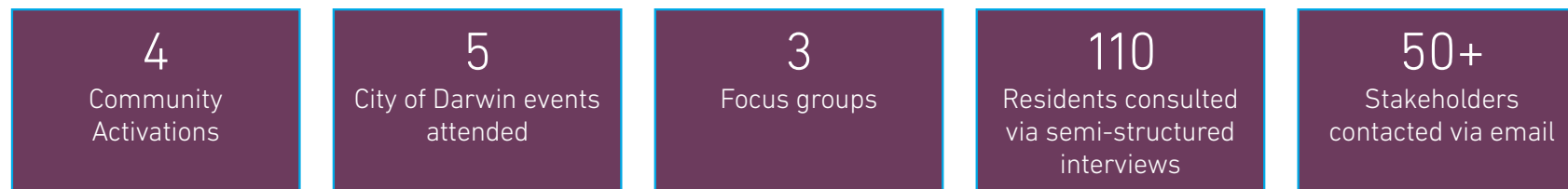
- Northern Territory Government
- CoD Advisory Committee - Youth
- CoD Advisory Committee - Arts and Cultural Development
- CoD Advisory Committee - Access and Inclusion
- Sport and Recreation Groups
- Community Organisations
- CSIRO
- Parks and Leisure

## FOCUS GROUP

An engagement partnership was developed with the CSIRO Darwin Living Lab project which is part of the three levels of government Darwin City Deal. This partnership was effective in the development of community insights by co-attending focus groups on the importance of Parks and Green Space. This helped develop an understanding of different user groups behaviours and opinions. These groups included:

- Parents with young children
- Retirees
- Recreation and sport users

## SUMMARY OF PLAY SPACE STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



### Engage Darwin website visits

**1400+** total site visits  
**1035** aware visits  
 (visited Play Space Project Page)  
**700** informed visits  
 (engaged with the content on  
 Play Space Project Page)  
**322** engaged visits  
 (contributed through survey,  
 ideas or feedback)



### Participation via Engage Darwin

**240** surveys completed  
**100** people submitted to the  
 ideas page of the website  
**306** separate contributions to  
 ideas page of the website



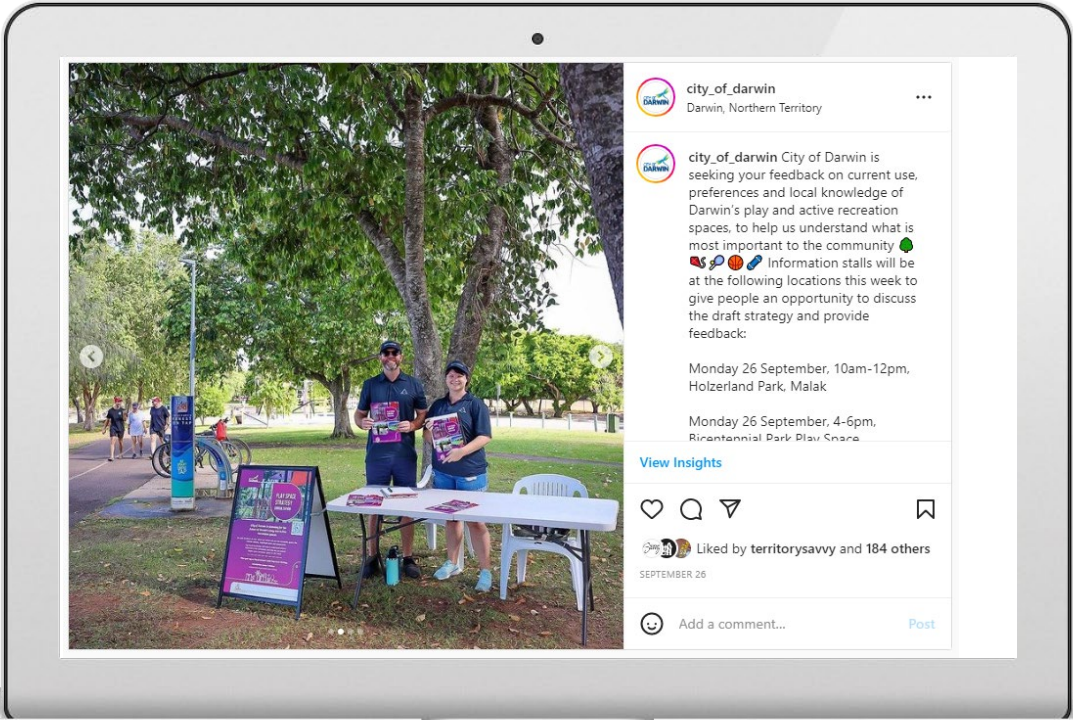
### Social media engagement

**6** posts  
**28,542** people reached  
**407** engagements/ interactions  
**75** comments  
**58** shares



### The participants who engaged via the survey

Resided in **>32** different suburbs  
**Majority** were local residents  
 (90%) and were regular users of  
 the Play Space (95%)  
 Participants surveyed ranged in  
 age from **12-70+**.  
 Highest number of participants  
 (50%) were **35-49**  
 second highest (27%) **25-34**.  
 Included many conversations with  
 children **<12** who were with their  
 parents/carers at Play Spaces.



## CONSULTATION OBJECTIVE TWO:

Explore the current usage and preferences of Darwin's play spaces and recreation assets.

As outlined a mixed method approach to engagement was undertaken. This included different engagements and a wide variety of participants.

After analysing the broad data sets, the following themes/issues and aligned insights have been identified as important learnings. These will inform the recommendations developed later in the report.

THEMES   ISSUES	INSIGHT
<b>Heat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90% of people attend Play Spaces before 10am and after 3pm to avoid the heat</li> <li>• Shade was by far the most valued feature to promote visitation and longer duration stays. Natural shade, such as trees was preferred for overall cooling of the area.</li> <li>• Weather (67% of respondents) is the most important factor influencing people's decision to visit play spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Time spent at play spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% attend year round</li> <li>• 70% attend weekly or more</li> <li>• 50% spend 1-2 hours per visit</li> <li>• 37% spend 30-60 minutes per visit</li> </ul>
<b>Innovations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water play facilities were of great appeal to residents. Many noted these facilities are lacking in number and if they do exist, they are often turned off</li> <li>• There is demand for indoor play spaces to help mitigate weather and provide opportunities to socialise for parents. Relevant examples exist interstate</li> </ul>
<b>Travel to play spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People use a range of travel forms to get to play spaces (79% use own vehicle, 59% walk, 45% ride/scoot/skate) - noting participants can choose more than one response</li> <li>• People generally preferred to use play spaces close to home, with some suggesting they would walk/ride 500m-1km but if it was further, they would drive</li> </ul>



<b>Parents/carers and young children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents with young children are the most common users of play spaces</li> <li>• Playground equipment is the most common play activity (75% of survey respondents)</li> <li>• Age-appropriate equipment that promotes free play for a variety of ages was a recurring theme for parents, for example safe and engaging for toddlers through to 12-year-olds. Parents don't want to feel they have to support their child at all times</li> </ul>
<b>Activities at Play Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People want to activate the spaces, particularly in the suburbs. They identified the opportunity to provide positive reasons for people to gather. This included more opportunity for council supported and unstructured events in the suburbs</li> <li>• Pop up activities, such as Fun Bus, have strong demand for participation and are valued by residents. Many indicated they had travelled from other suburbs or municipalities to attend</li> <li>• Some activities have strong demand but are not readily available: including water play, skateparks, purchase street food/ food vans</li> <li>• Digital activity, such as wifi, has minimal appeal</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After heat, safety is the second most important reason community residents consider going to a Play Space (50% of respondents) - noting participants can choose more than one response</li> <li>• This extended to the cleanliness of facilities which influenced which play spaces they visited</li> </ul>
<b>Dogs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play spaces where dogs can attend has appeal to the community</li> <li>• It is also noted that dogs off the lead was also a concern to other community members</li> </ul>
<b>Different equipment for different participant groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is demand for additional skatepark facilities and correct design features to cater for more advanced skateboarders</li> <li>• Age-appropriate play equipment that promotes free play for a variety of ages was a recurring theme such as for toddlers through to youth</li> </ul>
<b>Youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance of travel to play spaces is a barrier to participation. They do not have their own vehicle and can only travel by walking or riding a bike</li> <li>• The youth cohort and staff employed to support this demographic highlighted a lack of public spaces/venues to host events, or cater for organised groups etc.</li> <li>• There is demand for additional skatepark facilities and correct design features to cater for more advanced skateboarders. This will increase youth engagement</li> </ul>

<b>All abilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders from disability sector were supportive of the strategy and the importance placed on accessibility</li> <li>• Play spaces are in high demand for people with disability and their support workers. Stakeholders highlighted there is not a universal voice for people with disability. For example, some people prefer separate equipment and some want the accessible equipment integrated with the rest to allow for social interaction</li> <li>• Accessibility is critical for people with a disability, in particular parking, appropriate equipment/surfaces and toilets</li> <li>• Sand as the primary surface is a barrier to participation with Rubber softfall surface preferred</li> </ul>
<b>Identified gaps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water play, such as zero depth splash pools were of great appeal to parents. Participants also commented that many of the existing water play facilities are not functioning on a regular basis</li> <li>• A lack of skateparks compared to other locations in Australia. Some participants also highlighted that existing skateparks were not designed to cater for more advanced skill levels</li> <li>• A pump track within the municipality. A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features that use momentum to propel around the track. It is suitable for bike riders, skateboarders and scooters</li> </ul>
<b>Barriers to attending a play space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat in the middle of the day was a major deterrent of use. Artificial surfaces and manufactured shade structures are not enough to stay cool and also don't always provide shade with movement of sun through the day and seasons.</li> <li>• Heat of equipment is an issue</li> <li>• Safety - priority is for free play for children of different ages Parents don't want to follow their child around ready to catch them if they fall</li> <li>• Some activities have strong demand but are not readily available: including water play, skateparks or pump track, purchase street food/food vans</li> <li>• Lack of toilets restrict longer visits to some play spaces</li> <li>• Residents, in particular parents are conscious that some play space equipment is not clean</li> <li>• When equipment or play spaces are poorly designed they act as a barrier to participation, for example shade not effective on playgrounds, skate parks have limited opportunities for advanced skate use</li> <li>• Midgies/bugs were a recurring issue</li> <li>• Accessibility - e.g. sand with prams, disabled access, disabled parking. See universal design principle notes from CSIRO Focus Group</li> <li>• Anti- Social Behaviour - participants were very aware of several parks that had this issue and that many people would drive further to avoid. These included Malak, Karama, Nakara and Stuart Park. City of Darwin cleaners also indicated there was additional cleaning and safety concerns at these parks</li> <li>• Lack of car parking is a barrier for some cohorts, in particular people with disability and parents with prams</li> <li>• Sand is not the preferred surface and does not support accessibility. In particular residents highlight 'yellow sand' that stains.</li> </ul>

## PARTICIPANT VOICES/ PERSONAS

The personas below provide a summary of some of the common and varied views that were presented by participants.

These personas are not based on any real person and within each cohort there were divergent opinions.

Importantly, whilst there is a shared value of Play Spaces, a critical finding is that different user groups have different preferences and needs.

*Jane from Jingili: Parent with 2 children aged 1 and 4.*

*"The playgrounds are so important to our lifestyle. Our visits to the play spaces provide some structure to our week. Most days we will visit our local park and walk or ride there if we can, depending on the weather. But once a week we will venture a bit further to a destination park for a bit of variety. We will generally stay about an hour each visit. I love the playgrounds that have a variety of equipment for different ages and allow the kids to play on their own without me feeling like I have to follow them and be ready to catch them at any moment."*

*Naomi from Nakara: 14 year old girl*

*"I am too old to use playgrounds. They are for little kids. I would like it if there were more places and equipment for older kids, like zip lines, in-built trampolines, climbing walls or a ninja park. Some of the kids my age, especially the boys use the basketball court and skatepark occasionally. It has to be close to home or school for us to use it, because I have to ride or walk there so I generally just hang out around my suburb."*

*Peter from Parap: 20 year old uni student*

*"Darwin has great public gym equipment. I don't mind driving to East Point, the Esplanade or sometimes Nightcliff to use the bars and equipment because it saves me on a gym membership. I use it most days during the week and I have figured out which times of the day are not too busy. We occasionally use the basketball or tennis courts, but there is only a small window each day from about 4-6.30pm that you can use them without being too hot. So they can be quite busy."*

*Mary from Malak: Grandmother in high density housing*

*"I use the local park around the green space every day. My house is a busy place so it is important for me to have an outdoor space to socialise and be outside. I would like it if there were more things on in our parks and play spaces to give people a positive reason to get together. I would like to have a space so we can engage the young people."*

*Roger from Rapid Creek: Recently retired*

*"I have got a bit of time on my hands, so I am out in the public spaces a lot. I use them for social and exercise reasons. I go walking with a few regulars so shared paths are the big one for us. They can get so busy and crowded that we avoid the peak places at peak times. My mates and I occasionally use the public gym equipment, but we are not always sure if we are using it correctly. I usually drive to get to where I am going and I don't mind driving a bit further to get to a nice spot."*

*Tony the Tourist*

*"I am staying in the city so it is great to have the esplanade and Bicentennial Park within walking distance. It is great to have a park like this so close to the city to let the kids come and play."*

*Diane the Disability care worker*

*"We use play spaces a lot for our clients. We know which spaces have good accessibility, in terms of parking, equipment, appropriate toilets. Sand is a big no-no for us. But not all disabled people are the same. For example, some want separate equipment and some want the accessible equipment integrated with the rest of it to allow social interaction."*





## CONSULTATION OBJECTIVE THREE:

### Seek feedback on the direction of the strategy.

Community and stakeholder engagement participants were directed to the Play Space Strategy and invited to share their thoughts. Consistently, those consulted had not read the document and were more interested in providing feedback that related to usage and preferences.

The findings of this report indicate that in its current form, the 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' lacks relevance and is difficult to consume for readers. It does not achieve the intended impact of a specific plan nor is it clear as to what the community or your workforce can expect.

The value of the existing 'Play Space Strategy' is as a guide or workbook for the immediate internal project team to use for work planning.

Considering the high interest and value placed on Play Spaces by the community, the development of a revised 'Play Space Strategy' is considered a priority.

The following themes/issues be accepted as critical to the future development and enhancement of play spaces for the community of Darwin:

- **Heat:** This is the biggest issue reported by participants. Shade (natural if possible) and Water Play areas are by far the most valued feature that will promote visitation and longer duration stays. An alternative solution of indoor play spaces was suggested as they exist in other States.
- **Different community segments have different preferences:** Ensure that parks provide a variety of equipment to suit different ages. This includes play equipment that is safe and engaging for different age groups and specifically, advanced skate facilities for youth.
- **Dogs:** They are either an important motivator to attend Play Spaces or a deterrent depending on who we spoke to. Therefore, ensuring that fenced dog parks are provided is important to resolve both needs.
- **Activate the parks:** The community wants to use the parks as local hubs for social cohesion. These could include both structured and unstructured activities.
- **Things that keep us away from parks:** Anti-social behaviour at specific parks, midgies/bugs are a common annoyance, lack of parking at some sites, yellow sand in the playgrounds that stains, lack of toilets and poorly designed equipment.

Further information on the direction of the strategy is included in the recommendations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Informed by community and stakeholder insights, it is recommended that:**

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3. The new 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' includes an external communication plan to inform the community and stakeholders about direction and investment in Play Spaces
4. The six pillars in the 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' are validated by the findings of this consultancy
5. Further collaboration with CSIRO Darwin Living Lab be explored to consider partnership opportunities to gather new insights, innovative solutions and resourcing for Play Spaces
6. That City of Darwin assess current Play Spaces for all age segments (before school, primary school, youth, adults and older community members) to consider any new developments or upgrade to fulfil identified gaps
7. Future investment in Play Spaces addresses climate and heat as the most important barriers to usage by improving shade and water play facilities
8. Future investment is directed towards the identified gap of Play Spaces that are attractive to the Youth cohort such as advanced skate parks and equipment
9. Play Spaces are recognised as local hubs for social cohesion and more widely used in City of Darwin planning to deliver structured and unstructured programs such as Fun Bus and community group activities
10. The updated 'Play Space Strategy 2022-2030' address a range of issues that negatively impact on the experience of communities when using Play Spaces, such as anti-social behaviour, midgies/bugs, lack of parking, yellow sand in the playgrounds that stains, lack of toilets and poorly designed equipment

Atria Group extends its appreciation to the many great people from City of Darwin, its stakeholders and community whose substantial contribution to informing this report was invaluable.



## APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Engage Darwin report and survey ideas

Appendix 2 Written submissions

Appendix 3 CSIRO focus group notes

Appendix 4 Stakeholder engagement list



Atria Group acknowledges and respect the Traditional Owners of the land and waterways we work on. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



# Project Report

10 September 2022 - 09 October 2022

## Engage Darwin Play Space Strategy 2022-2030



### Visitors Summary



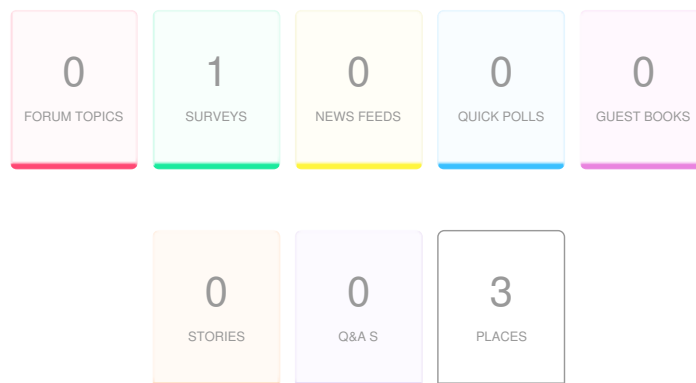
### Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	
1.4 k	123	
NEW REGISTRATIONS		
13		
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
322	700	1 k

Aware Participants	1,035	Engaged Participants	322		
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Visited a Project or Tool Page	1,035				
Informed Participants	700	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Participated in Surveys	8	5	226
		Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	68	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	184	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	12	Asked Questions	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	44	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Contributed to Ideas	13	41	46
Visited Multiple Project Pages	341				
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	322				

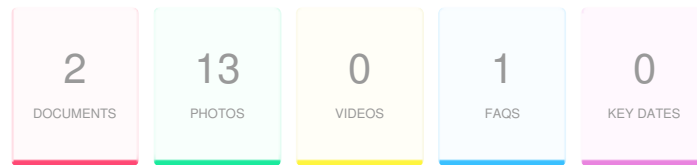
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## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Place	Our play and active recreation spaces	Published	114	0	0	0
Survey Tool	Play Space Strategy 2022-2030	Archived	412	8	5	226
Ideas	Tell us your big ideas for future play and active recreat...	Archived	143	13	41	46

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



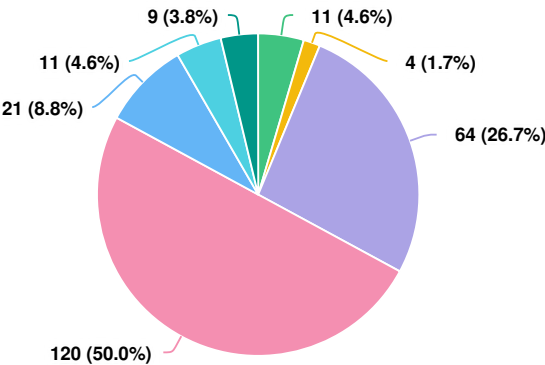
Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	CoD Draft Play Space Strategy 2022.pdf	173	216
Document	Play Space Factsheet	48	52
Faqs	faqs	44	49
Photo	Wulagi Oval Playground.JPG	37	37
Photo	Jingili Skate Park.jpg	13	13
Photo	Jingili Watergardens Playground.jpg	12	12
Photo	Jingili Watergardens Playground.jpg	11	11
Photo	Robyn Lesley Park Playground.JPG	10	10
Photo	Nakara Oval/Macredie St Playground.JPG	9	9
Photo	Nation Cres Basketball Court.JPG	7	7
Photo	Ted Rowe Park Basketball Court.JPG	7	7
Photo	Anula Greenbelt Exercise Station.JPG	7	7
Photo	East Point Exercise Station1.JPG	5	5
Photo	East Point Playground.JPG	3	3
Photo	East Point Exercise Station2.JPG	3	3
Photo	Aralia St Tennis Courts.JPG	2	2
Key Dates	Key Date	12	12

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Play Space Strategy 2022-2030

Visitors	412	Contributors	239	CONTRIBUTIONS	241
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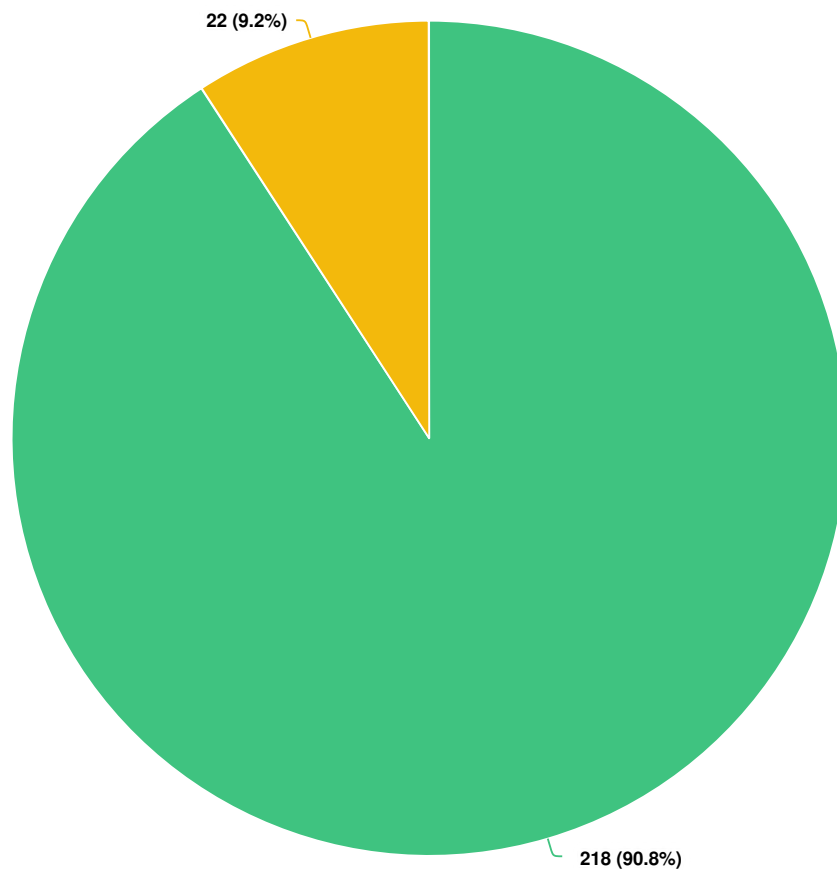
Question options

- 12-17
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-84

Optional question (240 response(s), 1 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question



### Are you a resident of the municipality of City of Darwin?



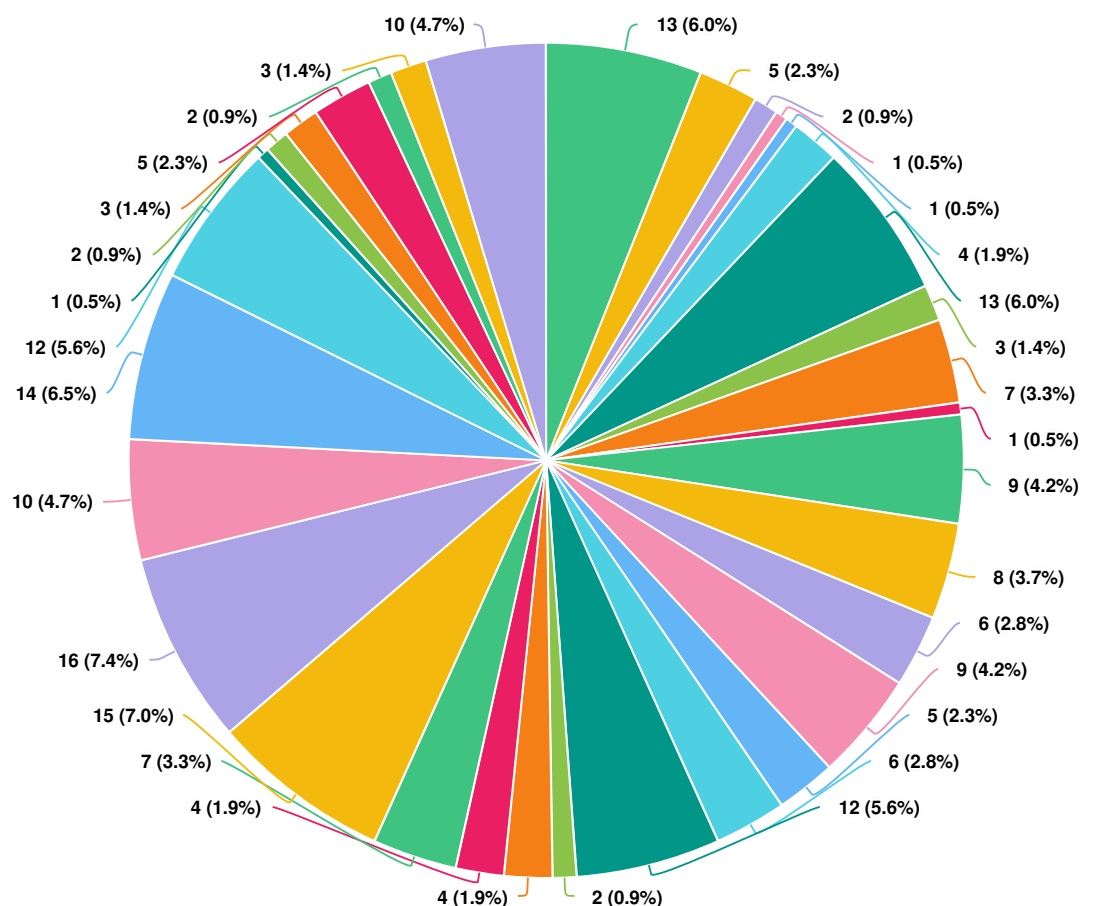
#### Question options

- Yes
- No

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Question type: Radio Button Question

### Where do you live (suburb)?



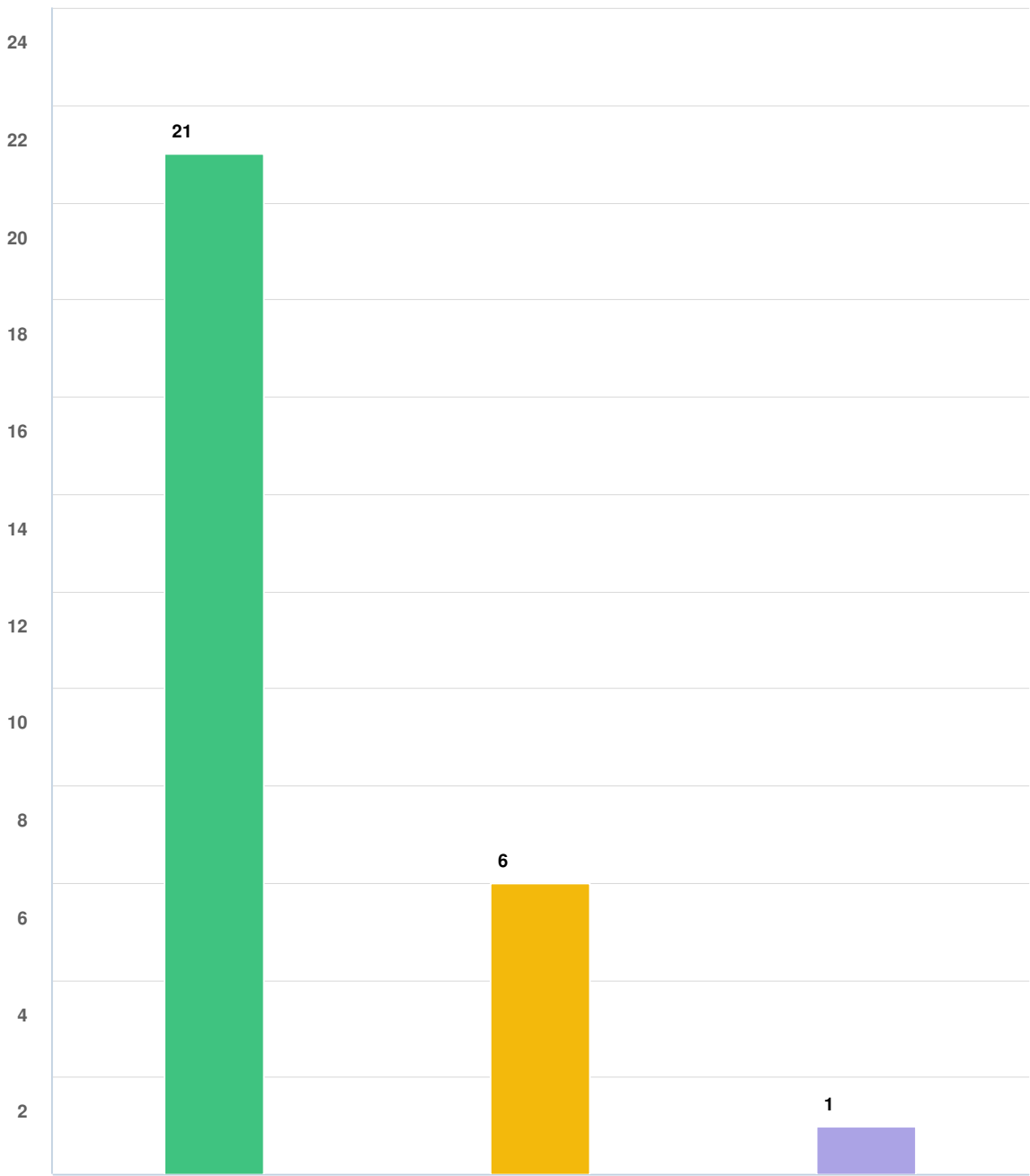
#### Question options

● Alawa ● Anula ● Bayview ● Berrimah ● Brinkin ● Coconut Grove ● Darwin City ● Eaton  
● Fannie Bay ● Hidden Valley ● Jingili ● Karama ● Larrakeyah ● Leanyer ● Ludmilla ● Lyons  
● Malak ● Marrara ● Millner ● Moil ● Muirhead ● Nakara ● Nightcliff ● Parap ● Rapid Creek  
● Stuart Park ● The Gardens ● Tiwi ● Wagaman ● Wanguri ● Winnellie ● Woolner ● Wulagi

Optional question (215 response(s), 26 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

What best describes your relationship with Darwin?



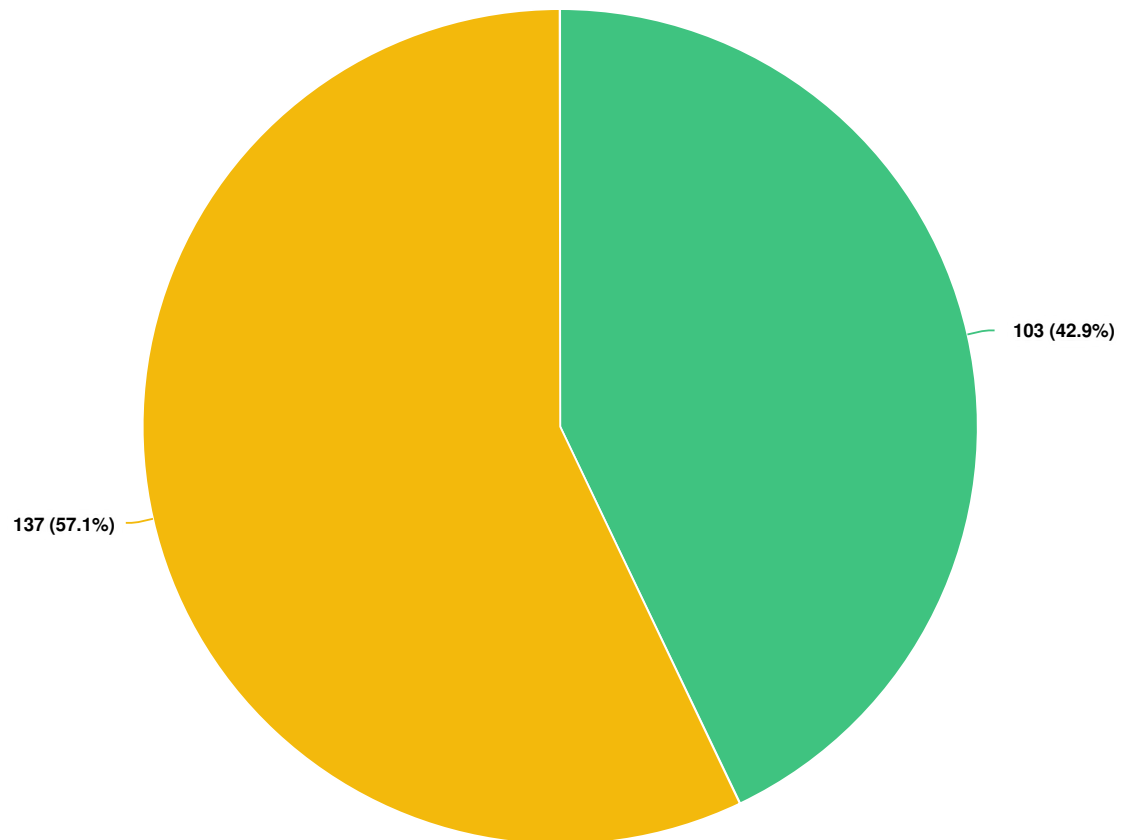
Question options

- ☒ I live in the Greater Darwin region    ☐ I work or study in the Darwin municipality    ☐ I'm a visitor to Darwin

Optional question (22 response(s), 219 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Have you viewed the City of Darwin Draft Play Space Strategy 2022-2030?



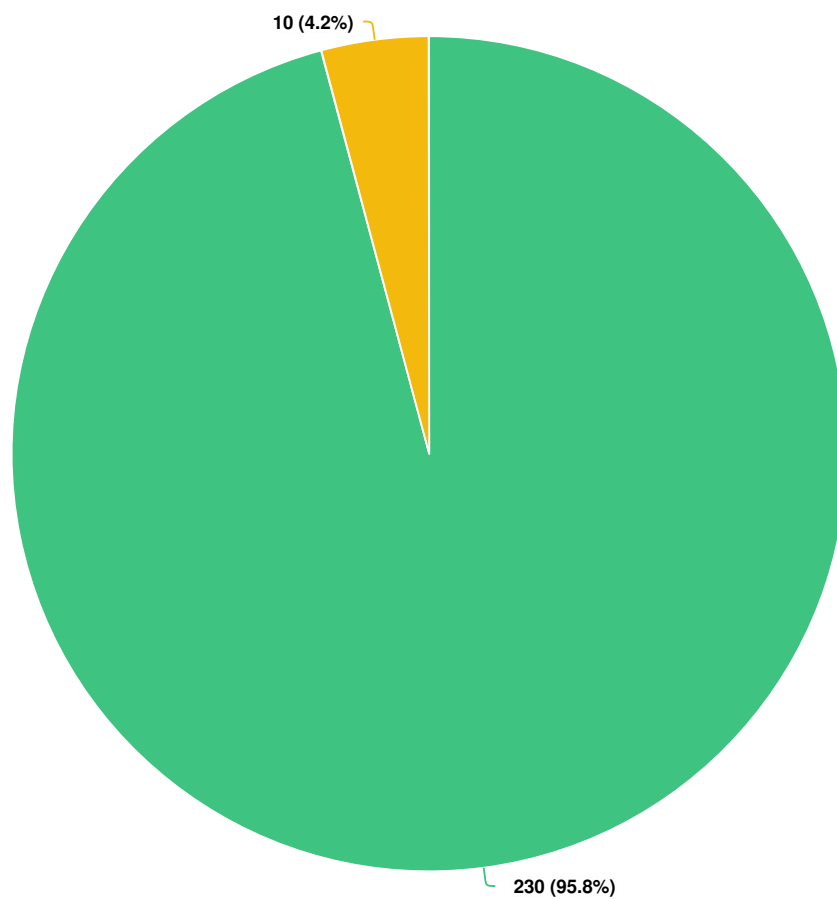
#### Question options

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

Optional question (240 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Do you visit or use City of Darwin play and active recreation spaces?**



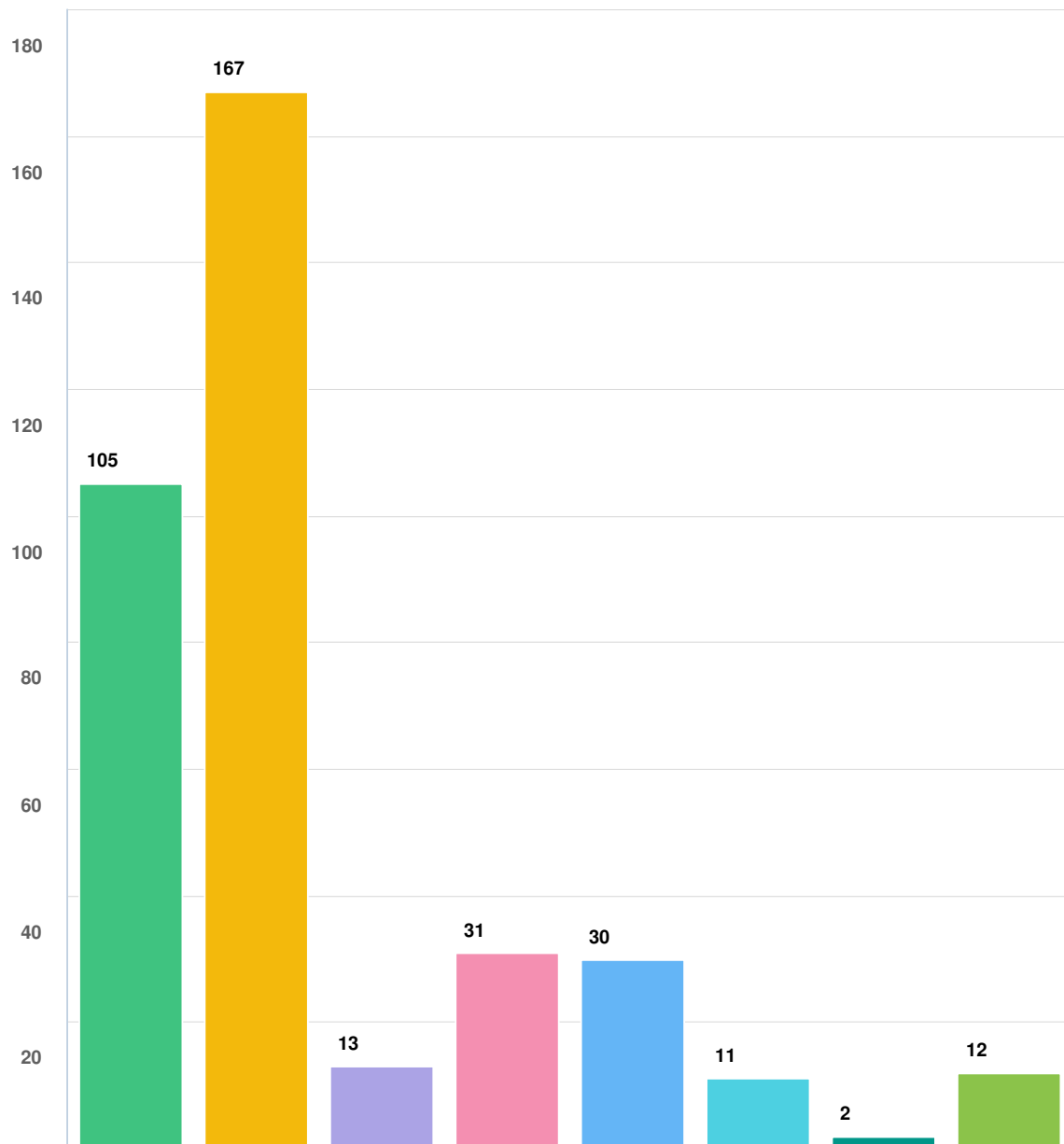
**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Optional question (240 response(s), 1 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**In what capacity do you currently use play and active recreation spaces? (Choose all that apply)**



**Question options**

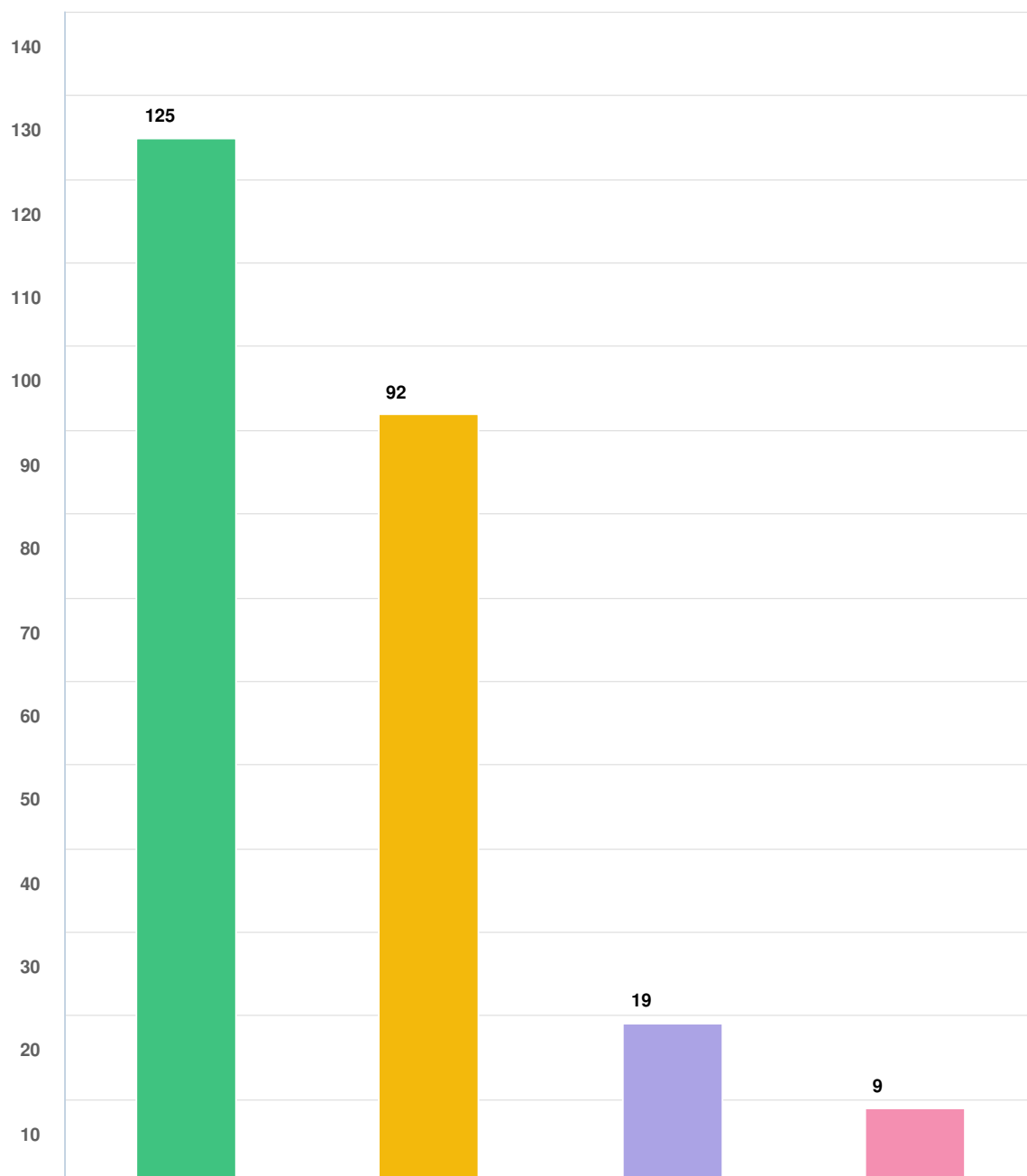
- Individual who uses play spaces and recreational assets
 ● Parent or carer
 ● Grandparent
- Member of sport and recreation club/association
 ● Member of social sport or community group e.g. playgroup
 ● Visitor
- I'd prefer not to say
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (230 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



**If you are a parent, carer or grandparent, how old are the children in your care?  
(Choose all that apply)**



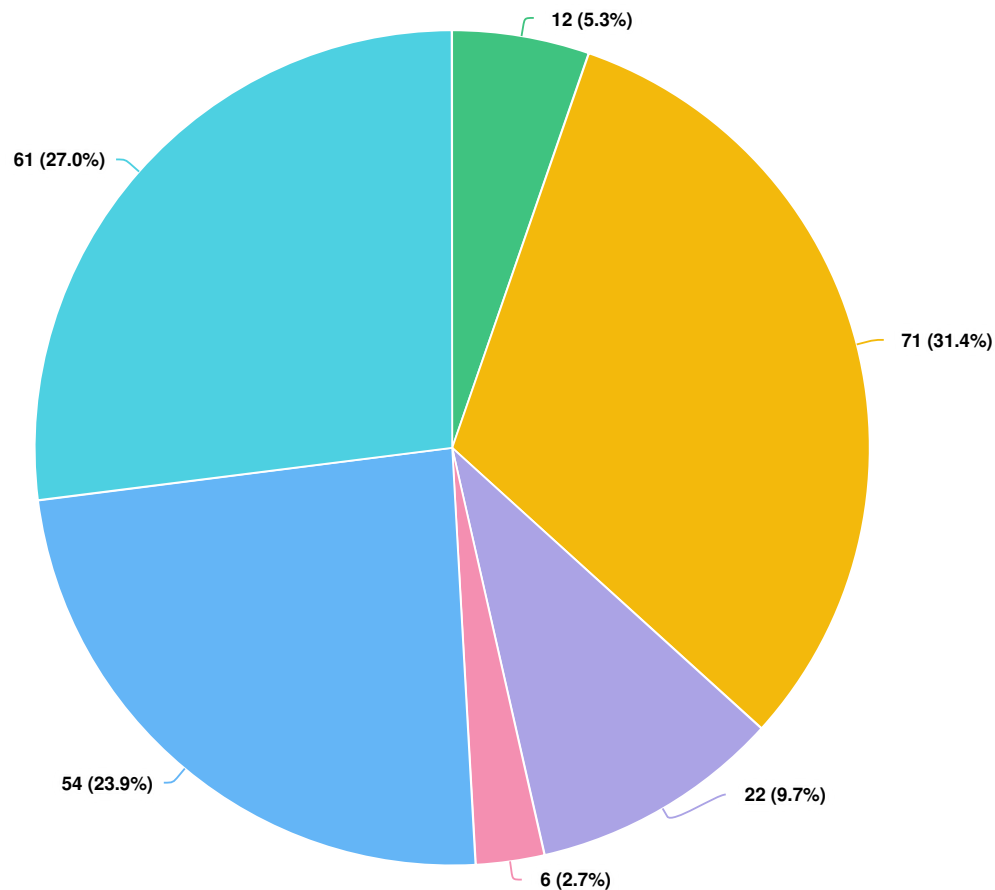
**Question options**

☒ 0-4 years
 ☒ 5-11 years
 ☐ 12-17 years
 ☐ I'd prefer not to say

*Optional question (184 response(s), 57 skipped)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**What is the time of day you are most likely to visit a play or active recreation space?  
If you visit several spaces for different purposes, reflect on the space you visit most often (Choose one)**



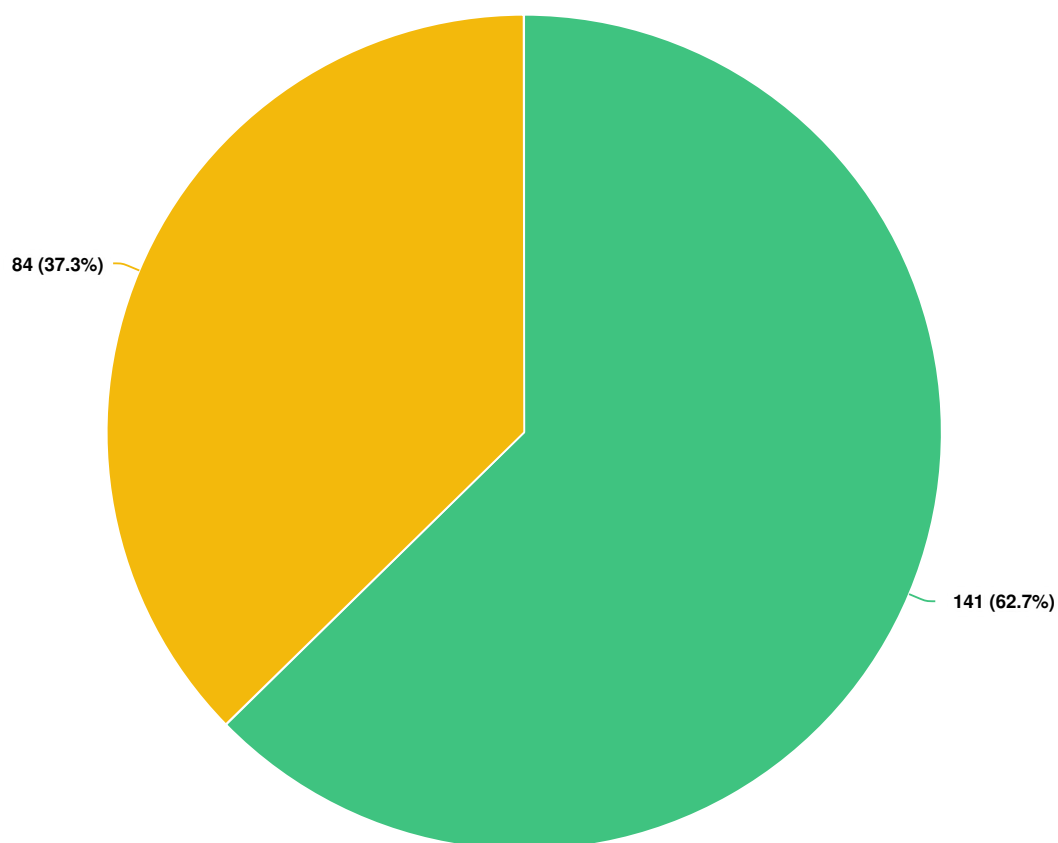
**Question options**

- Early morning - before 8:00am
- Mid morning - 8:00-10:00am
- Late morning - 10:00am-12:00pm
- Early afternoon - 12:00-3:00pm
- Mid afternoon - 3:00-5:30pm
- Evening - 5:30pm onwards

Optional question (226 response(s), 15 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**What is the most common day of the week that you would visit a play or active recreation space? If you visit several spaces for different purposes, reflect on the space you visit most often (Choose one)**



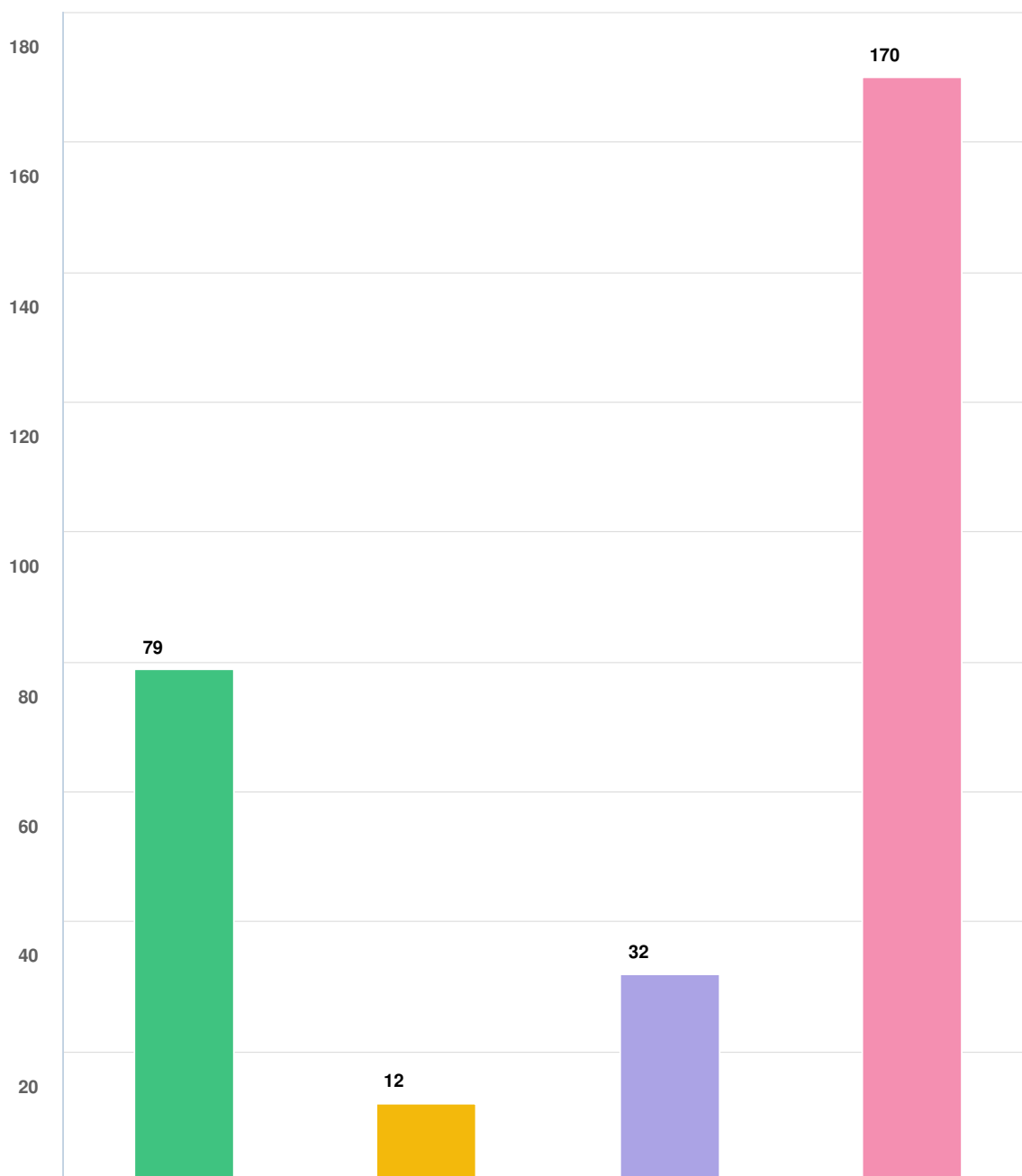
**Question options**

☒ Weekday ☐ Weekend

Optional question (225 response(s), 16 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Is there a time of the year that you would be most likely to visit a play or active recreation space? (Choose all that apply)**



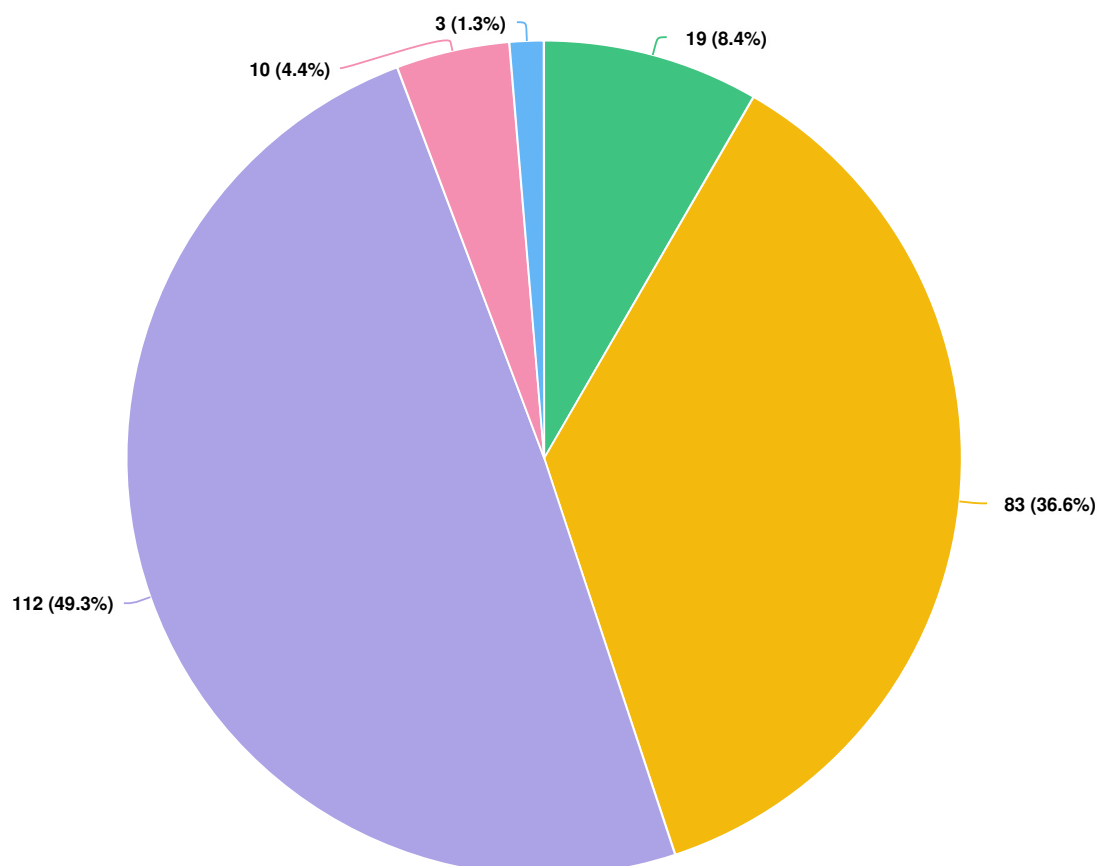
**Question options**

● Dry Season (April-September)
 ● Wet Season (October-March)
 ● School Holidays / Public Holidays
 ● All year round

Optional question (227 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**What is the length of time you spend on average at a play or active recreation space?**  
**If you visit several spaces for different purposes, reflect on the space you visit most often (Choose one)**



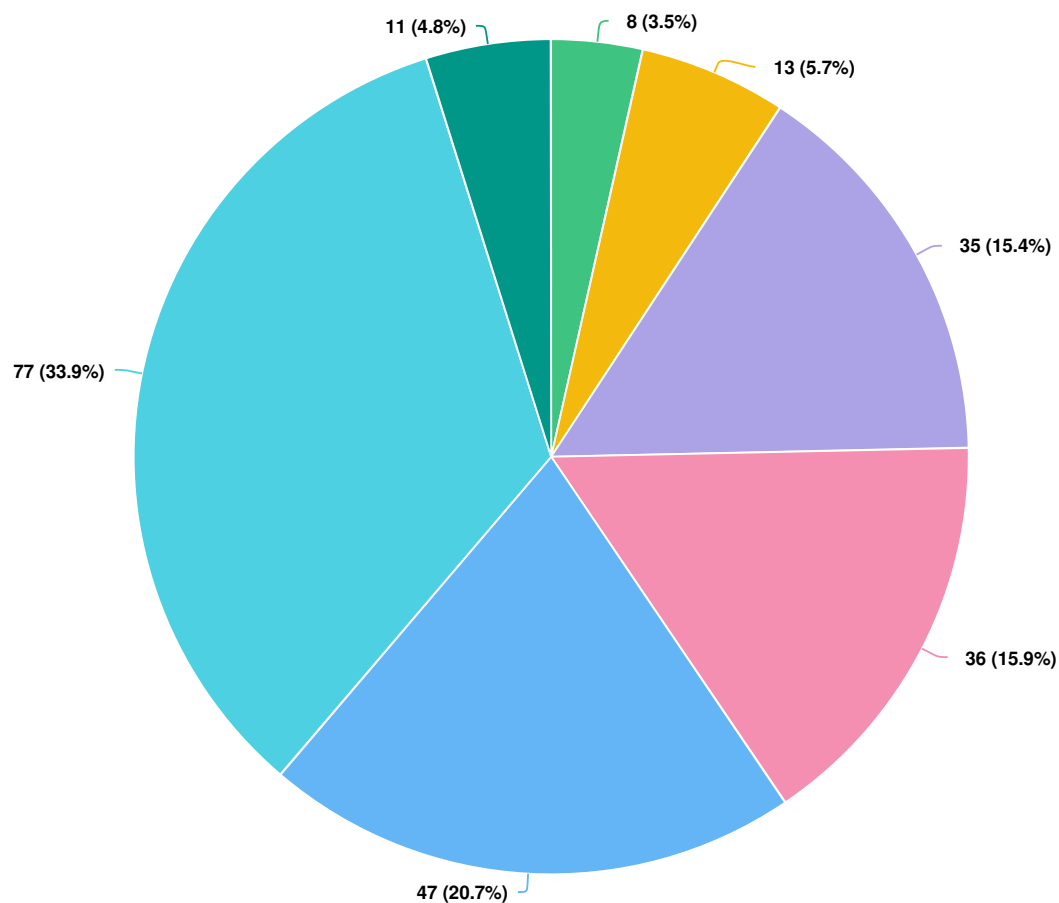
**Question options**

☐ 0-30 minutes
 ☐ 30-60 minutes
 ☐ 1-2 hours
 ☐ Half a day
 ☐ Other (please specify)

Optional question (227 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

On average, how often would you visit a City of Darwin play or active recreation space? (Choose one )



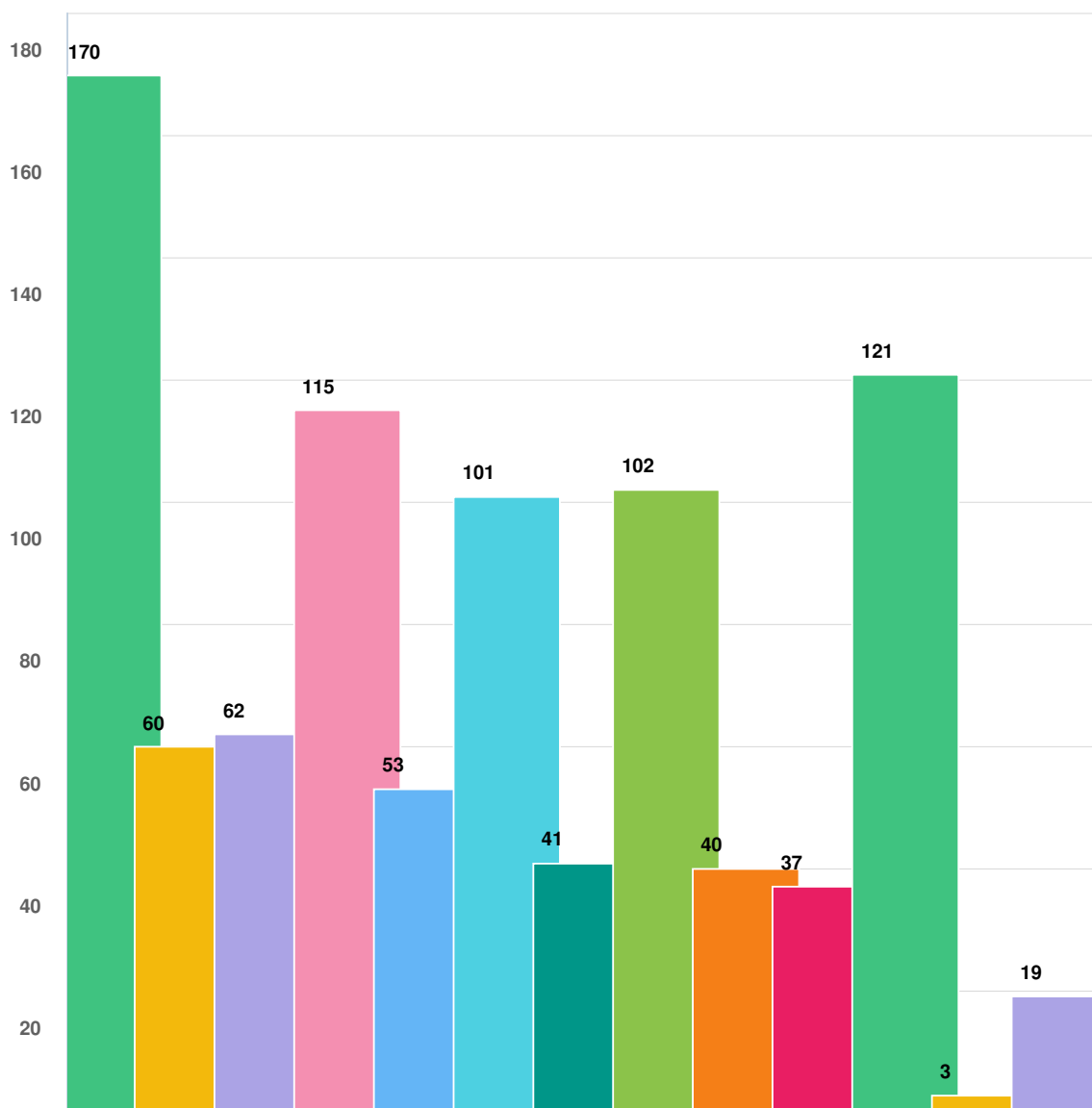
**Question options**

☐ Rarely
 ☐ Once a month
 ☐ Once a fortnight
 ☐ Once a week
 ☐ Twice a week
 ☐ More than twice a week
 ☐ Varies

Optional question (227 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**What activities do you participate in when you visit City of Darwin's play and active recreation spaces? You can choose as many as are relevant. (Choose all that apply)**



**Question options**

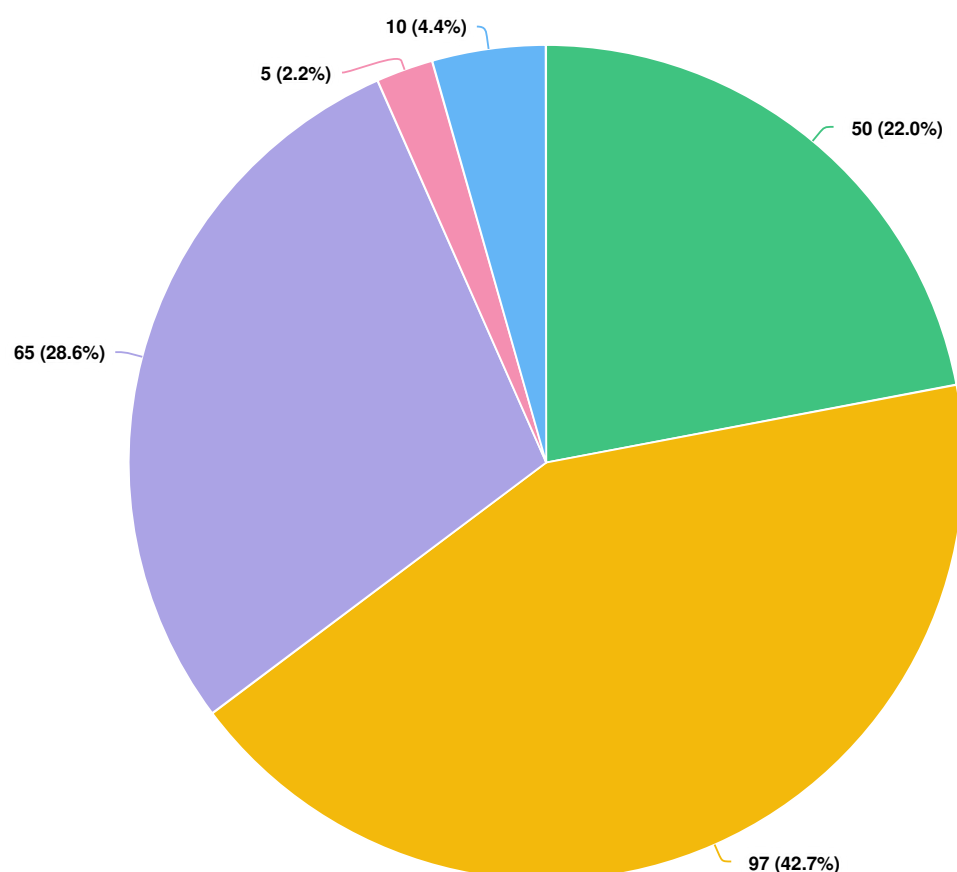
- Playground equipment
 ● Skateboarding / scooters / rollerblading / skating
 ● Cycling
 ● Water play
- Exercise (station, boot camp, personal training)
- Pop up activities such as Fun Bus, Bands in the Park, Sounds @ Launch Series
 ● Use BBQ facilities
- Purchase street food / food vans
 ● Reading or relaxing
 ● Sport (tennis, basketball)
 ● Picnic
- Digital activity or connection (such as wifi)
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (227 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



**Are you more likely to visit a local playground or active recreation space near your home or would you choose to travel further to a larger playground that has more facilities? (Choose one)**



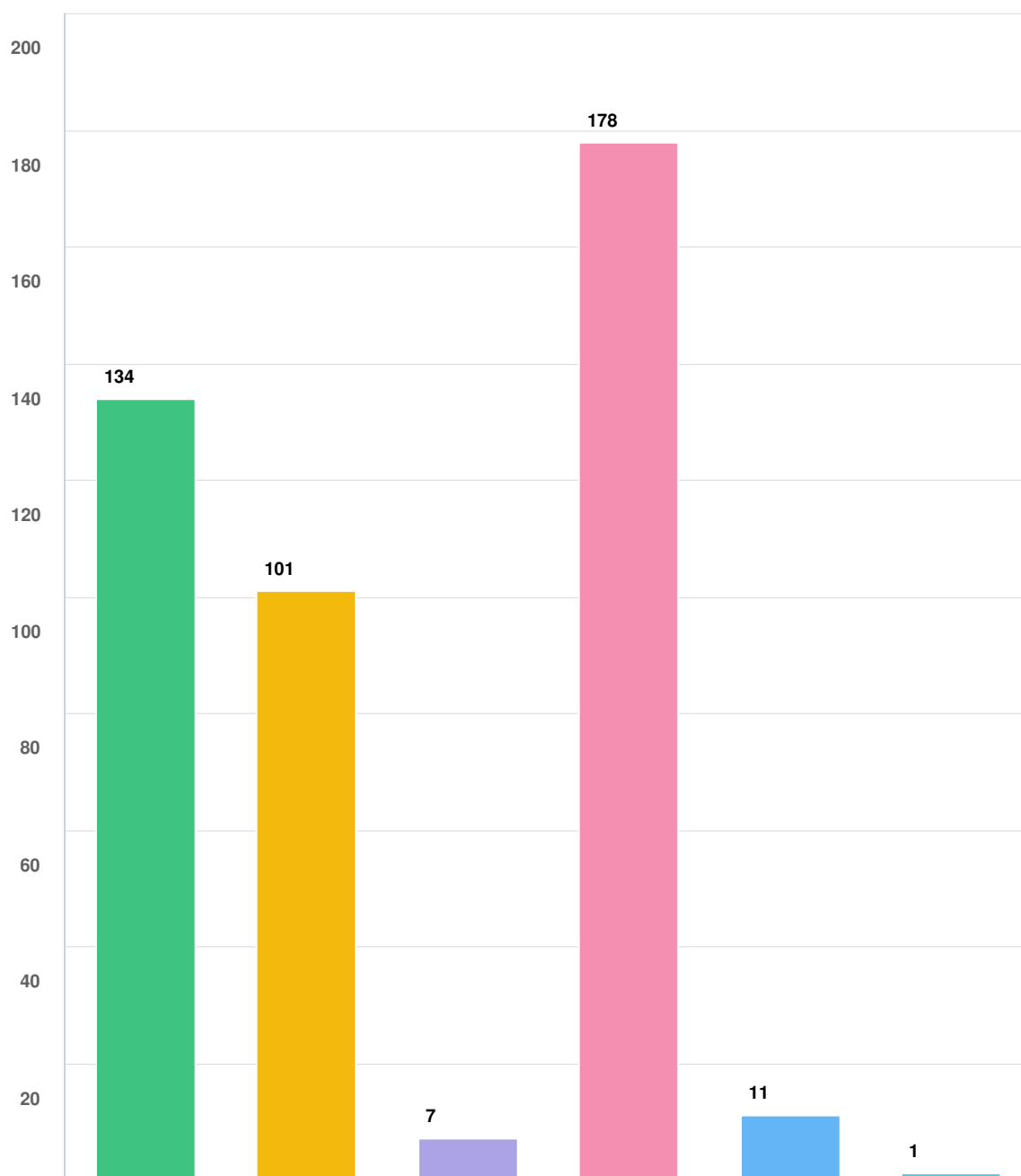
**Question options**

- I prefer to stay local (walking distance approximately 500m from home)
- I am happy to travel a short distance for more facilities / options (5-10 mins)
- I am happy to travel a longer distance for more facilities/ options (15-20mins)
- My local is a larger play or active recreation space
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (227 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**How do you get to the play and active recreation spaces you visit? (Choose all that apply)**



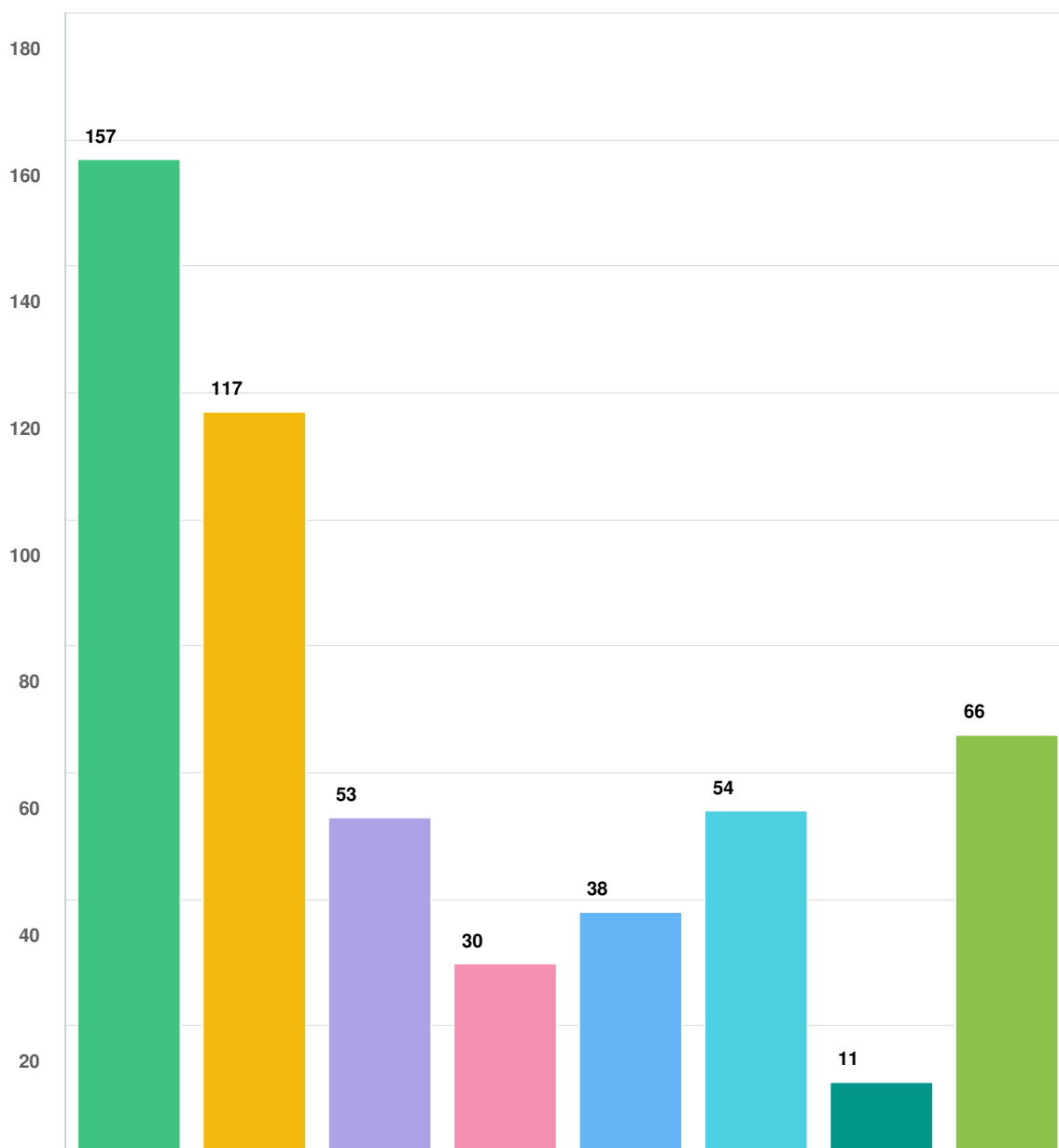
**Question options**

● Walk
 ● Ride / scooter / skate
 ● Bus
 ● Own vehicle
 ● In another person's car
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (226 response(s), 15 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**What factors contribute to stopping you from visiting a play or active recreation space? (Choose all that apply)**



**Question options**

- Weather
- Safety
- Too busy (eg. work, study)
- Ability to get there easily (car, bus, walk)
- Lack of accessible equipment
- The location of the play or active recreation spaces
- There's nothing stopping me
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (239 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Which of the following active recreation facilities most appeal to you, your friends and family? (Rank in order with 1 being the most appealing)**

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Bike/scooter paths	2.53
Accessible facilities and equipment	3.86
Fitness stations	4.13
Basketball	4.78
Skating eg. skate bowl, half-pipe	5.35
BMX eg. pump track	5.67
Tennis	5.79
Dance	6.40
Volleyball	7.08
Table tennis	7.12
Badminton	8.19

*Optional question (217 response(s), 24 skipped)*

*Question type: Ranking Question*

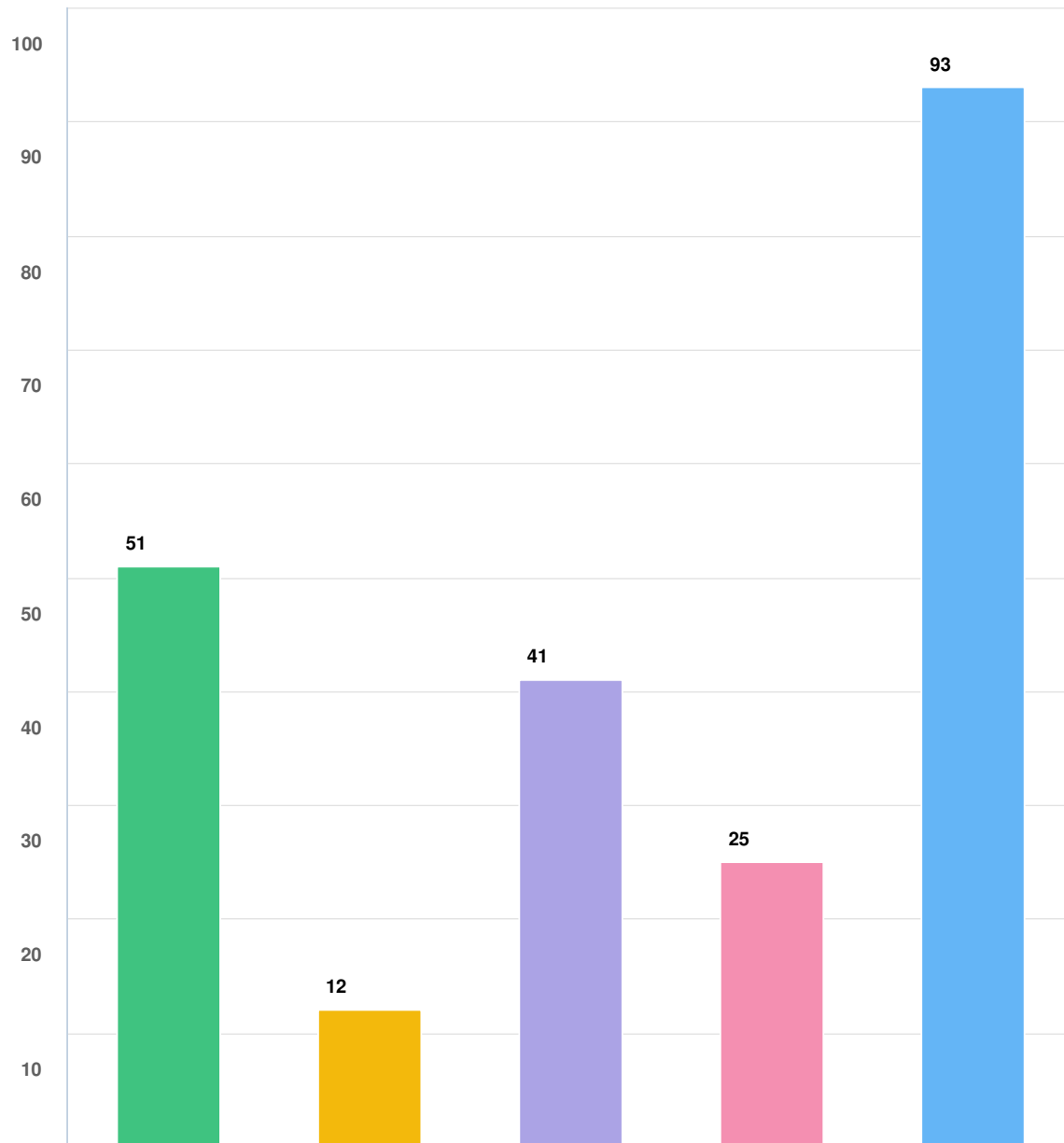
**Which of the following features would encourage you to attend more often or stay longer at the facilities? (Rank in order with 1 being the highest)**

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Shade structures	1.93
Public toilets including accessible facilities	3.22
Water bubblers	3.98
Picnic facilities e.g. BBQs, picnic tables	4.15
Pop-up services e.g. food trucks	4.61
Safety measures e.g. cameras, fencing	4.65
Lighting	4.82
Wifi	7.33
Electronic charging stations	7.60

*Optional question (231 response(s), 10 skipped)*

*Question type: Ranking Question*

The draft strategy proposes to fence a number of play spaces to provide more secure sites to enhance safety for children/park users. Thinking about the following playground examples in the Rapid Creek/Millner area, which do you think would benefi...



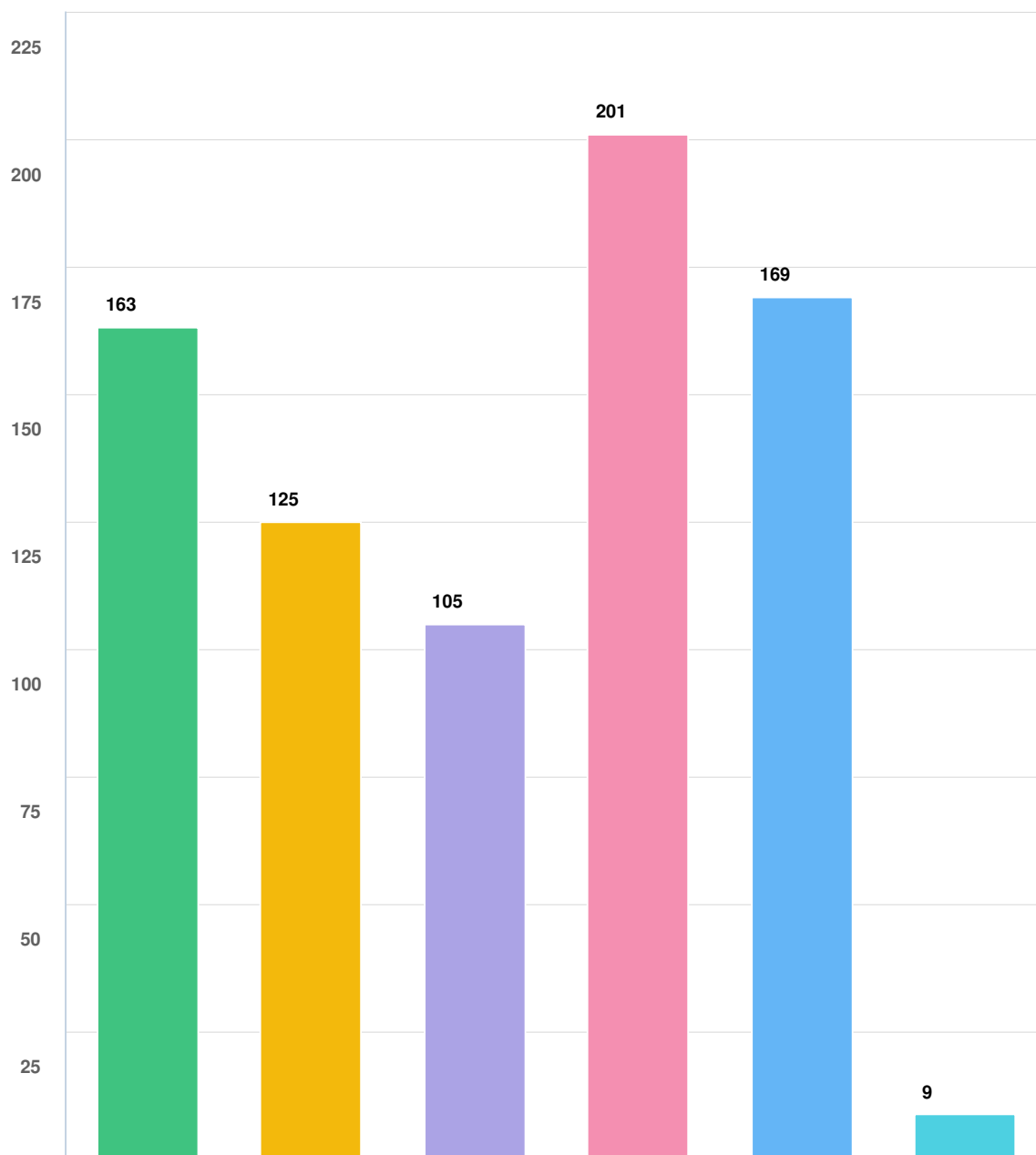
**Question options**

- Jingili Water Gardens Playground    ● Bagot Oval Playground
- Rapid Creek Foreshore Playground (opposite Beachfront Hotel)    ● Nightcliff Foreshore Playground (opposite Aralia St)
- Unsure

Optional question (222 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**What features would encourage you to use play and recreation sites in the hotter part of the day? (Choose all that apply)**



**Question options**

- Water play    ● Misting spray    ● Water bubbler    ● More shade    ● More trees around
- None - would still be too hot to use






*Optional question (236 response(s), 5 skipped)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*










## IDEAS

Tell us your big ideas for future play and active recreation spaces in City of Darwin!

Visitors	143	Contributors	100	CONTRIBUTIONS	305
13 September 22					
		VOTES	15	<b>Bike pump track and skate park</b>	Kids bitumen bike pump track in grass area of bagot park. Found all over Australia except in darwin! Look at WA country towns. Also a decent and improved skate park
14 September 22					
		VOTES	0	<b>Artificial grass surface to play Hockey and other sports</b>	Apart from Marrara Hockey Centre, there is no other suitable space to play field hockey. In the off-season, I tried to take my kids to the local oval but even with freshly mowed grass it's nearly impossible to play. I thought that we could have a small Council area prepared with astro turf to play casual hockey and other sports when there is no access to the proper facilities.
14 September 22					
		VOTES	10	<b>Skate bowl needed at Jingili</b>	In Darwin we have a large skate community, this includes; skateboarders, in-line skaters, scooters, bmx and quad skaters. In the Darwin region we only have access to two skate parks, one of which is managed by City of Darwin. Unfortunately, the Leanyer Skatepark is quite run down and needing resurfacing. This only leaves the CoD Jingili Skate park. This park is awesome, but quite small. It really needs to be extended and a skate bowl added, as we do not have one in the Top End. Please consider!
14 September 22					
		VOTES	11	<b>City skatepark (the Cairns skatepark on the esplanade caters for skateboarders, scooters and BMX, looks fantastic and attracts tourists).</b>	City skate park
14 September 22					
		VOTES	14	<b>No depth wet play areas</b>	As along Cairns Esplanade many play areas with water and amongst trees with access to cafes, parking, toilets, bike tracks. Similar climate, done really well.







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14 September 22  VOTES <b>12</b>	<b>Water play area</b> <p>Small water channels coming down a rock wall for kids to put paper boats/leaf boats etc. to float down, a splash pad with fountains at ground level so it is accessible to wheel chairs. Hand water pump and other contraptions the kids can work together to pump/move the water.</p>
14 September 22  VOTES <b>12</b>	<b>The new Jingili playground needs more things to cater to older children.</b> <p>I think a flying fox added to the side could easily make it much more enjoyable to older children. I also think it should have a water play area, seeing as it is the water gardens.</p>
14 September 22  VOTES <b>16</b>	<b>A large, wild play park - similar to Ian Potter children's WILD PLAY park in Sydney.</b> <p>Something with lots of shady trees, rocks, tunnels, tree stumps to hop across, large water play area, large enclosed climbing structures built into the trees, big tunnel slide, bamboo forest, lots of large trees planted to create shade and natural cooling. Lots of space.</p>
14 September 22  VOTES <b>9</b>	<b>Musical walkway!</b> <p>We saw this one at the Pod Playground in Canberra. The ground had built in metal bells that would make noise when you ran across them, all in tune! I wonder if this could be made in a way that when a wheel chair rides over them it works too? So it is accessible to all. Would be a lovely addition to any playground.</p>
14 September 22  VOTES <b>17</b>	<b>Ninja obstacle course for kids</b>
15 September 22  VOTES <b>4</b>	<b>Jingili reno is wonderful! Ian Potter Wild Play in Sydney - nature, trees, shade, adventure. Darling Quarter water play park in Sydney</b>
15 September 22  VOTES <b>11</b>	<b>A splash pad &amp; more water play</b> <p>It sucks going to Jingili Water Gardens when it's hot and seeing the water fountain that you can't play in. A splash pad with a variety of different water play options would be a fantastic upgrade! (And no, not like Palmerston Water Park's lame excuse for a "splash pad")</p>

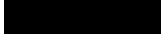





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17 September 22 	<b>Road safety play area</b> Smaller scale version of the Parap road safety centre. Might encourage families to ride bikes/scooters and also wheelchair accessible.
VOTES <b>8</b>	
17 September 22 	<b>More indigenous artwork and sculptures</b> Include more art and sculptures throughout public spaces and use as an opportunity to teach language, flora and fauna and history of the area. Maybe make a culture walk for kids to explore.
VOTES <b>6</b>	
18 September 22 	<b>Swings big enough for adults</b> Playgroups should be for all ages to enjoy
VOTES <b>3</b>	
19 September 22 	<b>More public sheltered basketball / tennis courts</b> More sheltered basketball courts will help to promote various sports such as badminton , tennis and basketball in such areas while minimising the adverse effects of the strong sun and UV during most daytime hours.
VOTES <b>3</b>	
21 September 22 	<b>Bouldering walls</b> Outdoor bouldering walls that allow all ages and abilities to enjoy exercising and playing :) There are many examples of these in other capital cities and they become great communal shared spaces.
VOTES <b>8</b>	
21 September 22 	<b>Urban bouldering wall</b> Similar to Cairns or other cities in the world. It provides a sense of community.
VOTES <b>13</b>	








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22 September 22  VOTES 3	<p>The use of sport court tiles, provide economic value and proper shade structure and lights allows for even further extended usage times.</p> <p>ensure the softball measure with the use of TPE or PPE sport courts, this increase usability, sustainability and durability, while also increasing all inclusive accessibility. Lights should be a regular feature on all active spaces, this encourages youth engagement, safe after hours spaces and courts. The use of sport court tiles, provide economic value and saves council the cost of resurfacing or painting courts often, the Sport floors have a long lasting shelf life and only need to be replaced when required, they reduce injury by up to 35%, reduce sound by up to 40% and allows the increased use of the space by youth network groups needing to run programs and youth engagement/ diversion activities. Coupled with having a proper shade structure and lights allows for even further extended usage times.</p>
23 September 22  VOTES 7	<p>Bmx/pump track in leanyer</p> <p>Can a low maintenance bmx track or pump track be installed at peace park leanyer please, there is a lot of empty space there</p>
23 September 22  VOTES 0	<p>Additional exercise station on Esplanade</p>
23 September 22  VOTES 3	<p>Recreation facilities for adults</p> <p>There are a lot of facilities that cater to families. New spaces for adults such as picnic facilities, exercise equipment, comfortable seating would be great. Public spaces for all to enjoy</p>
26 September 22  VOTES 3	<p>Fences!</p> <p>Please fence children's playgrounds. I don't go to playgrounds unless I have my husband with me as I have twins. It is too risky if they both decide to run in opposite directions (which is often) and most playgrounds are next to a road or a body of water.</p>
26 September 22  VOTES 4	<p>Waterway playground</p> <p>Waterplay integrated into playground. Cairns CBD has one on their esplanade. There is value in having it somewhere busy, near cafes etc rather than a specific outing to a playground.</p>

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28 September 22   VOTES 1	<b>Play equipment on O'Ferrals road Bayview</b>  Play equipment needed for children on the other side of Bayview
28 September 22   VOTES 13	<b>Sunset Cove Playground - Coconut Grove</b>  Shade installed to enable the park to be used during the day and rubber soft fall matting for safety.
02 October 22   VOTES 8	<b>Flying fox; ninga ropes course (adults too); ropes tree walk like Adelaide; swinging tree rope over creek; aged and disability equipment</b>  Ludmilla park. We need local larrakia art works. Also we need a nature adventure walk bike track through the Ludmilla creek, into the new stadium and onto parap. Kids need a fort in a tree with rope ladders. Nurf war location and rock wall climbing. Would be A mat if aboriginal and non-aboriginal kids in ludmilla could play together. Something connecting our diversity.
03 October 22   VOTES 2	<b>Fenced playgrounds</b>  Please provide fenced playgrounds. Essential for families with multiple children.
04 October 22   VOTES 0	<b>Lighting, fencing and a dog poo dispenser at Dinah Beach oval/play area!</b>  Lighting would allow more use of the space as the sun goes down and would make the area feel a lot safer. Fencing would make help keep children and dogs safe and parents/dog owners more relaxed. A dog poo bag dispenser and bbq facilities would also be a great improvement.
05 October 22   VOTES 6	<b>Skate bowl either at Jingili or in the city</b>  There are a lot of transitional skaters and riders in Darwin who would appreciate and benefit highly from having a skate bowl. We're the only Capitol City who doesn't have a fresh bowl for visiting and local shredders.
05 October 22   VOTES 3	<b>Scooter park/ traffic track for children</b>  Jingili skatepark gets over run by young children and families who treat the space like a playground. This puts off so many people as there's not a lot of space to safely skate when tiny children just ride in your way. It's ruining the space. If we build a scooter/ bike park or traffic track for these young children it'll provide them a safer space to have fun and will allow for older and more experienced users to actually use the Jingili Skate park. Bradbury Park Kedron in Brisbane is an amazing example.

## IDEAS

Tell us your big ideas for future play and active recreation spaces in City of Darwin!

05 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 2	<b>Nature sculpture and play area</b>  I'd love to see a nature-based play space alongside some natural bushland (even the Nightcliff Foreshore). Making use of trees stumps, or cyclone logs, natural materials. Whilst these break down over time it's something that is easy to replace. It's wonderful particularly for older children to play with and within what surrounds us which is truly magical. We love the Mundaring Sculpture Park in WA as an example (it does also make use of synthetic play materials).
05 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 1	<b>Fenced playgrounds in Chan ward</b>  Please make a couple of the playgrounds fenced to contain wayward toddlers. Sunset park would be ideal and if fenced wide enough would be a Mecca for birthday parties and family bbq's bringing about greater community connection.
05 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 1	<b>Fairy lights everywhere !</b>  Beautifying parks and playgrounds by adding Raintree park like lighting to extend the use of major play spaces for family party's after sunset. Sunset park has a flood light on the playground but no ambient lighting which could be extinguished at 9pm in line with the playground lights. This would be lovely to safely active the area for family events.
05 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 2	<b>Change the damn sand. It's way too coarse and hurts the kids more when they fall AND it stains all of my kids clothes. Haven't been to a park</b>
05 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 0	<b>Fencing with gates around playgrounds</b>  Hi, the Darwin play grounds are all superb except for one thing - too many don't have a perimeter fence. Small kids can run out into fast moving traffic (Bagot, Esplanade) or just onto roads/ car parks/ down cliffs etc.... Please put fences and gates :)
06 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 0	<b>Toilets pls!</b>
06 October 22 [REDACTED]	VOTES 1	<b>Upgrade basketball court at Ken Waters park</b>  Please increase court size (concrete slab size), add markings on ground for 3 points mark, new back board. Leave the tree and the seat there is fine

## IDEAS








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06 October 22  VOTES 1	<b>Dog park, basketball court and recreational area at Vestys Beach. Beach volley ball too</b>  Dog park, basketball court and recreational area at Vesties Beach. Make use of all that land close to Vestys Beach. Grassed parkland with undercover BBQ areas, basketball court, beach volley ball would bring that area to life
06 October 22  VOTES 2	<b>Lagoon style recreational park at old Darwin Hopital site in the city</b>  Lagoon style recreational park similar to Cairns. Darwin city needs more places to cool off. Build a lush green park land with trees a lagoon area for people to cool off outside
06 October 22  VOTES 1	<b>CBD Skate Park or indoor skate park!!</b>  A skate park in the CBD or surrounding suburbs would be amazing. But if you really wanted to cater for Darwin weather, an indoor skate park, similar to SA. <a href="https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/the-compound-indoor-skate-park-adelaide/">https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/the-compound-indoor-skate-park-adelaide/</a>
07 October 22  VOTES 0	<b>A three point line basketball court behind Wanguri S hops - this is what the Wanguri community has been asking for.</b>
07 October 22  VOTES 1	<b>A new playground with shade at Strele Street Park, with additional lighting to detract anti social behaviour at night.</b>
07 October 22  VOTES 0	<b>Soccer goals and a three point line basketball court at Peace Park in Leanyer - this is what the local community has been asking for.</b>
07 October 22  VOTES 0	<b>Exercise equipment at Ted Rowe Park in Muirhead and relining the basketball court.</b>





## IDEAS

Tell us your big ideas for future play and active recreation spaces in City of Darwin!

07 October 22 	<b>May street Parap park upgrade</b> Upgrade May Street Park in Parap to include modern equipment, lighting, statues/arts, community garden and naturescapes etc. And in general, make some parks that can be used at night for outdoor movies, evening picnics, small concerts etc, to be rented out to members of the community for private use or community groups/food vans.
07 October 22 	<b>A pedestrian crossing on Malak Crescent that would serve to link Holzerland Park (opposite the shops) and Malak Oval to the west of Malak Cr</b>
07 October 22 	<b>Rapid Creek Park, Valder Crescent</b> Please add three bench seats following on from your plastic bollards in the shaded area along south/west border of the park. And seating for carers of disabled away from table and rubbish bins. This space is not available when occupied by soccer players.
07 October 22 	<b>New basketball court with shade/weather protection for Moil</b>
07 October 22 	<b>Shadecloths printed with artwork</b> Local artwork printed on all new shade cloth installations like the structure at Jingili Water Gardens
08 October 22 	<b>Water play ground</b> Similar to Muddys playground in Cairns along esplanade or nightcliff foreshore
08 October 22 	<b>Nature play park</b> Nature play parks that is inclusive for all ages and abilities like Boongaree Nature Park

## IDEAS

Tell us your big ideas for future play and active recreation spaces in City of Darwin!

<div>09 October 22</div> <div></div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div>	<p>Social dancing and performance space like in Paris with the night time dancing by the seine, an iconic space for all the community.</p> <p>Anyone danced by the seine by night? It's a magical and unforgettable experience. So something like this would be perfect for Darwin. It needs to be well lit and have beautiful big trees around with fairy lights. Safety after dark would have to be a priority and active measures in place to curb antisocial behavior. Perhaps it could be fenced and opened and closed for events. It'd take management, but so worth it. So many community groups would benefit.</p>
<div>09 October 22</div> <div></div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div>	<p>Social dancing and performance space like in Paris with the night time dancing by the seine, an iconic space for all the community.</p> <p>Anyone danced by the seine at night? It's a magical and unforgettable experience. Enjoying the outdoors after dark in the cooler time of the day would be perfect for Darwin. It would need to be well lit like this picture of Paris.</p>



Atria Group

**Client:** City of Darwin

**Project:** Community Engagement Play Space Strategy

**Written Submissions**

**Date:** October 2022

**Please note that the email correspondence has been de-identified.**

**Written Submission 1:**

Hi.

Thank you so much for contacting me. Unfortunately I'm away from 19th till 29th for a very important exam that I have to take. So won't be able to attend the stalls.

But it is something very important to me.

I think there should be some INDOOR play areas where we can take our kids and relax in the CITY. You see, I had to prepare for an exam (and there are lots of students in Darwin with kids) and there was no place I could go and sit and study while my daughter plays. It's either too hot outside or raining. And there is not much kids can do here. So I think what we really need is play areas in city where we can walk to and play some healthy activities. Jumping Jack's, climbing, swings etc.

I'll get back to you after I am free.

Thank you for contacting again.

**Written Submission 2:**

Hi

The Engage Darwin web address was circulated to the Bayview Community via social media. For my part, we think the playground equipment on Stoddart Drive needs an update. The equipment is looking tired. There is no swing set and no rubber bounce flooring. Recently a small part of the equipment was removed; I'm not sure why but it was of no detriment. It would also be good if a water foundation was positioned nearer to the equipment and better lighting at night.

On the positive side it does have shade cloth over the top and it's in a great location (except for the midges).

Kind regards,

**Written Submission 3:**

**Subject:** Basketball Court in Bayview - to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.



Dear

On behalf of many of the local children in Bayview, I write to you in regard to installing a much needed basketball court in the Seascope Park in Bayview that is 'accessible' for all abilities.

Anti-social behaviour and crime is a growing concern for children and parents, as is developing life skills of youth to minimise risk factors that lead to crime, violence and drug use. Installing a night and day ¼ basketball court activity area will help to reduce boredom and crime in the area by keeping people connected and active in the Bayview community while also providing a sport option for less abled children and people of all ages.

Due to high density living, many of the Bayview local children do not have access to backyards and play areas to install a basketball ring to exercise and develop healthy social connectivity close to home. Marrara, Parap and Stuart Park school are the closest other locations which involve parents driving children away from home which is not always possible.

The recent census found there are 426 families living in Bayview, most children catch the school bus at the Bayview Seascope Park and would utilise this area more if there was accessible sporting infrastructure. Currently the park consists of an underutilised grass area without picnic tables or play equipment. Other than the walking path there are very limited options and access to exercise equipment in Bayview for children and young teens to develop sport skills and have fun with family and friends. And basketball seems to be the sport of choice for the children who asked for this letter to be written.

Basketball is an inclusive, healthy and growing sport popular with young children in Darwin as evidenced with the first NT NBL team, Darwin Salties. The Salties and the Marrara comp. is inspiring many young people to play basketball and stay in the NT. 'Midnight Basketball' intervention program at Marrara basketball stadium is a highly successful engagement tool providing a healthy place for young people to engage and connect with each other through sport reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. The United Nations Doha Declaration has launched a global youth crime prevention initiative to build on the power of sports as a tool for peace, promoting sport to prevent crime and to effectively build resilience of at-risk youth.

**Bayview Statistics:**

- Total population of Bayview is 1683 comprising 426 families with an average of 2 children with a large proportion of the children being 15 years and under

attending the local government schools [2016 Bayview \(NT\), Census All persons QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics \(abs.gov.au\)](#)

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – promoting sport to prevent crime and to effectively build resilience of at-risk youth [Crime Prevention through Sports \(unodc.org\)](#)
- Darwin Salties [2016 Bayview \(NT\), Census All persons QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics \(abs.gov.au\)](#)

The children of Bayview would like to invite you for morning tea at the Seascape Park to discuss the installation of a basketball court.



**Written Submission 4:**

Hello

We make contract to show some concern about any sheltered areas being erected under the Darwin City Council's Play Space Strategy 2022-2030.

Serious consideration needs to be given to any proposal involving any form of shelter on Nakara Oval/Park and should be delayed at least until the current feuding between factions of the indigenous community is solved.

1. Nakara Oval/Park abuts Nakata Pre and Primary Schools
2. It is a short walk from:
  - a. 4 bottle shops
  - b. An already problem area with itinerants
  - c. Centrelink, a congregating area
  - d. Casuarina Shopping Village, an established problem area with itinerants
  - e. Mitchells shop in Casuarina Shopping Square which sells a range of knives, machetes, crossbows etc. and a
  - f. Bus terminus, another congregating area

Pathways connecting streets to Nakara Oval are gated and padlocked each evening and in spite of this, contain broken glass, rubbish and torn envelopes stolen from people's letterboxes. It costs \$10,000 per month for the Casuarina Shopping Square to clean their carparks alone of rubbish and human waste, not to mention the cost of extra security.

It would be outrageous for the children of Nakara Primary and Pre- Schools and the residents of Nakara to be treated as simply collateral damage for some ill-considered decision (plan) by Darwin City Council which would be difficult and costly to reverse.

**Written Submission 5:**

## Feedback on City of Darwin's Draft Play Spaces Strategy 2022-2030

I thank the City of Darwin for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Play Spaces Strategy. I am encouraged by the level of research and detail which has informed the strategy, and commend the City's endeavour to activate these spaces for the local families that enjoy them. The continued message about the importance of active family time can only advance the close-knit community that makes Darwin our home.

We are a family of four with 2 young children. We enjoy visiting our local playgrounds immensely. Recently, we began reviewing local playgrounds and sharing our comments in an effort to keep ourselves active and to encourage others to do the same, so this consultation is timely.

The six priorities in the Draft Strategy are for the most part line with our family's views and expectations, so I take this opportunity to emphasize aspects that, based on our experience and the feedback I have received, would make the most difference for local families in our area.

**Sand vs Rubber Softfall**

Sand as softfall can be inconvenient. It gets in the car and home, and has the potential to harbour harmful objects if not regularly maintained. We noted that bins are available almost everywhere we visited, but that there was still rubbish on the ground. We worry about what might be lurking in the sand, and know other local families do too.

We would prefer to see a complete transition to rubber softfall, which has the added potential of boosting City of Darwin's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy through the recycled use of car tyres. Sand pits for families that enjoy them can always be added.

**Benches**

Benches increase sense of community, parents can sit down for a chat while their children play together. Standing around or hovering over your child can become awkward and does not promote free play, or socialisation for the adults or the children.

**Water Bubblers and Shade**

In Darwin, hydration is key. Forgetting to bring a water bottle, or finishing all the water, means that a families' stay at a playground is inevitably cut short. Taking that off the busy minds of parents with readily available water is a huge draw.

I commend the City of Darwin for having play places that, in our local area, are very well shaded. This is a much appreciated aspect for our family.

Water play is always a welcome addition, however we understand that it may be cost prohibitive in many locations.

#### Accessibility

Very few of the playgrounds we visit in our local area have equipment specifically for children with a disability. We love the accessible swings at the East Point playground adjacent Lake Alexander, and the Esplanade playground. We would love to see more of these in smaller, local playgrounds.

In a more general sense, accessibility at many sites could be improved with dedicated parking spots. Some are curb-side only, others are dirt, which becomes mud in the wet season. Avoiding the sand is in vain when mud is dragged into the car and home.

#### Age Appropriate Equipment

We agree with the draft strategy assessment that there is a lack of facilities tailored to toddlers. Some play places others seem aimed at preschool age and up. They would have broader appeal if some smaller, closer to the ground equipment were added for the smaller children.

#### Upkeep

We have found maintenance to be good overall, however some of the older playgrounds are in need of a facelift, and more contemporary play equipment.

I once again thank the City of Darwin for undertaking this consultation, and hope you will take into consideration my comments.

**Attachment to submission 5: Playground review****Playground review: Brian Chong Wee Park**

This playground in Woolner is named for the late Station Commander Brian Chong Wee, in recognition of his service with the NTPFES and in his community. It's fitting that a portion of the playground is shaped like a fire truck, what a nice touch!

The playground has appeal for all ages, with lots of moving parts and opportunities for imagination play. The neighbourhood surrounds are grassy and quiet with a bench for our weary, toddler-chasing legs.

The verdict:

Fully shaded

Soft-fall surfacing (our favourite)

Appeal for all ages

Fun theme

A "tired of chasing my toddler" bench (often overlooked, but so important!)

We give it 10/10, would play again!

City of Darwin is currently seeking feedback on their Draft Play Spaces Strategy here: <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/play-space-strategy>

A community member commented:

Interesting, I find a lot of kids have issue with this playground and it doesn't keep them occupied for long. Looks fantastic but not very functional.

**Local playground review #2: Stoddart Park**

Blink and you'll miss it amongst the trees and gardens. Stoddart park is named in commemoration of Eric W Stoddart who was responsible for much of the wartime construction in and around Darwin.

This playground is most suited to preschool and primary aged kids, and has great views of one of Bayview's many waterways.

Our family loved the fun pirate theme, but prefer a less sandy environment and it could use a little TLC. I would like to hear others' thoughts on this playground.

We found that the drinking tap, while still functional, was leaking. I have already reported to Council.

We will make our recommendations to City of Darwin who are currently seeking feedback on their Draft Play Spaces Strategy here: <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/play-space-strategy...>

Shady

Drinking tap nearby

Great views

Safely fenced

Sand

We give it a 7/10, definitely worth a visit to catch the afternoon breeze off the water.

A community member commented:

Definitely needs some TLC, not a huge fan of all the sand either! A swings set would be a good addition.

A community member commented:

I agree a set of swings or even a set of swings at the one on the corner of Perth street. Probably has more room.

#### Local playground review #3: Duke Street Park

Many streets in Stuart Park have names connected to the Royal Family, so it's fitting that we're posting our review of the Duke Street Park today, the national day for mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

This playground is probably aimed at preschool and primary aged children, but my 1.5 year old rose to the challenge, so I rate it for the more adventurous toddler.

It has a cool spiral slide, a swing set, and great views over the city. Fencing might be a good idea, since Duke St can get busy. And I've said it before - we are not fans of sand. Otherwise the kids loved it and we will definitely be back.

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Cool slide

Bench (so important!)

Swings for different ages

Fully shaded

Sand

Traffic

We give it 7/10, soak in those city views.

A community member commented:

Would love to see some play equipment installed in Anne Park (currently just a bench and path).

It's a great space from a traffic / safety perspective as it's mostly enclosed -will look at putting feedback into the review...

... While granted it's not that far from Bill Sullivan it's a quieter space away from busy roads and doesn't tend to have long term visitors.

#### Local playground review #4: Dwyer Park

This playground in The Narrows is named after Eric Francis Dwyer who became the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council in 1967.

The playground is surrounded by lots of soft green grass, and felt very peaceful. We loved watching dogs and their owners enjoying the open space.

It's probably aimed at preschool children or older, with big kid equipment including a steep slide, huge round swing, and a unique flying fox. My kids loved it, and the bubbler was much appreciated, especially now we're in the build-up.

We would love to see a bench installed, and although there are two bins nearby, we did pick up some rubbish, including glass. The playground equipment could use some repair of missing parts, which I have reported to Council.

The City of Darwin is currently seeking feedback on their Draft Play Spaces Strategy here: <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/play-space-strategy>

Softfall

Huge swing

Flying fox

Fully shaded

Bench

Rubbish

Repairs/graffiti

We give it 6/10, this space has a lot of potential.

#### Local playground review #5: Dinah Playground and Oval

This playground and Oval in Stuart park are named for Dinah de Silva, who was a cleaner and gardener at Government House from 1928-1937.

The kids absolutely loved the double slide, and the bonus third slide. Slides are great for all ages, and if I'm being honest, that's mostly all they wanted to do.

We really enjoyed how active this space is. The oval had football and cricket players, and lots of dogs being walked. The playground also had our favourite thing to see, and the best praise for a playground - other kids!

Even with all these great features, it could use a facelift, and we really don't like sand on a playground.

City of Darwin is currently seeking feedback on their Draft Play Spaces Strategy here: <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/play-space-strategy>

But act fast! Consultation closes tomorrow.

Double slide

Active space

Big trees and fully shaded

Picnic table

Sand (we hate sand)

We give it 8/10, make sure you bring a ball to kick around on the oval.

A community member commented:

This playground has come a long way in the 30 years we've been here and it's great to see it so well utilised. Excellent feedback on the sand too. The Council regularly rakes it (eradicating sharps I suppose) but the sand also seems to harbour sand flies so other options c





Atria Group

**Client:** City of Darwin

**Project:** Play Space Strategy

**Community Consultation**

**CSIRO Public Focus Groups**

**NOTES**

**Date:** September 2022

**All notes from the focus groups have de-identified and no personal information from participants is provided.**

**Meeting Notes: CSIRO Focus Group**  
**Wednesday 7 th of September**  
**Notes by Patrick Naughtin, Atria Group**

CSIRO: John Gardiner, Steven Cook

Broad scope: Parks, gardens, green spaces

Group 1: 3.00pm: Parents

Attendees: 4 adults

Themes summary:

- Parks are a major part of life for parents with young children. Parents have deep knowledge of local public spaces and strong opinions of the play spaces in their area. Play/ green spaces have a major impact on people's lifestyle and quality of life.
- Jingili Water Garden is the exemplar play space. Consistent across families. It has everything. Shade, variety of facilities and infrastructure to support ppl to stay all day.
- Preference is to stay within 5k of home for everyday park visits. This allows travel via bike or walking. Once a week parents might visit a 'destination' park that might further away.
- Parents are interested in spending extended periods of time, even full days at parks and green spaces.
- The parks that are visited vary through the year. Parents know which parks are good based on weather, sun position, rain etc.
- Heat/ shade is the number one issue. Natural shade preferred to mitigate.
- Problems/ Priorities: heat, shade, hot equipment, having toilets at location and being open, overcrowded, water features not working, parking (inclusivity, sufficient space, paying for parking), sand-flies/ mosquitoes
- Not positive feedback or awareness about 2 recent projects from CoD:
  - o Lee Point- no awareness of bike access
  - o Myilly Point- no shade

General notes

What convinces you to go to green space?

- Parents are interested in spending full days at parks and green spaces. Or extended periods of time. Common answer is roughly 1 hour.
- The parks that are visited vary through the year.
- When it gets hot, we go to the shaded places- during the build up and wet season- such as Jingili Water Gardens. Priority on the places with natural shade- such as big trees.
- Artificial shade structure is not as effective as trees. Sunburn still an issue and the rubber ground gets very hot.
- Parents visit the spaces with children alone or in groups with other families.
- If parents are going for a whole day- toilets are a must. Strong consensus with group.
- Lyons Park example- it is a nice park that we could spend 4 hours there but there a no toilets. Garraumauk Park.
- Home range- within 5 kilometres. Look for everyday parks within this space that can cycle to.
- Once a week they might go to somewhere that might be further and a stand alone destination.
- Improving cycle ways and access is essential.
- Season is critical. Decisions on parks based on weather, shade.

- Shade critical- example Myilly Point. Not enough shade. Even at 5pm it is still so hot and sunny. Shade for equipment and BBQ spaces.
- It appears that shade is still seasonal. The shade only works for one of the season but when the sun moves it doesn't work.
- Consider the equipment material also- a lot of the equipment gets very hot and retains the heat.
- In Universal design one of the critical "no-nos" is sand. But this is still common in some play spaces. Zuccoli example. No accessibility for wheelchairs.
- Carparking important for inclusivity- including designated space for wheelchair vehicles.
- Suggestion for water misters- for heat mitigation and kids would love that.
- Water play space would be great. For example in the Darwin Mall. Most of the water features are turned off at play spaces. People have never seen them working or they are very seasonal.
- More coffee vans at places would be great.
- Crowding makes a big difference. Especially Post-Covid. People will avoid spaces that are overly crowded or have big groups of people. Suggested this is a reason to not have just a couple of brilliant play spaces- need multiple places to go.
- Bigger groups or older kids will be a put off for younger families or smaller groups.
- Toilet's being open is a big concern.

Are there places that you avoid?

- Local playgrounds with no shade are not usable for majority of year. The smaller parks through the suburbs are rarely used because of the weather.
- Blow-flies/ sand-flies/ mosquitos are a reason that people will avoid places.
- Shade was the number 1 reason people will avoid places. Not just on the equipment- but nearby.
- Spaces without toilets.
- Places that might have itinerant people around.

Would you go further to get somewhere better?

- Bike Riding window (5ks) is the preference. Once a week they will go further to a destination.

Problems/ Priorities: heat, shade, hot equipment, toilets open, overcrowded, water features working, parking (inclusivity, sufficient space, paying for parking)

- Jingili Water Garden is the exemplar play space. Consistent across families. It has everything. Shade, variety of facilities and infrastructure to support ppl to stay all day.
- Shade for skateparks is an issue.
- Late afternoon is the most common time of the day to go to play spaces because of heat.
- Parking is a consistent issue- paying for parking (esplanade) or not enough parking (botanic gardens)
- There is no central resource to show people where the playgrounds are- features, facilities. Ppl use google street view to look at each space. Parents would like to be able access a central resource.
- Fencing would be beneficial. Parents with children of multiple age- worry about child running off.
- Dogs can be an issue at play spaces. Off lead and wild dogs can be a concern.
- Question about play spaces during wet season. Where to go when it is raining?

- Suggestion for shower or foot shower at play spaces. To cool down and clean off.
- Negative feedback about 2 spaces
  - o Lee Point- no awareness of bike access
  - o Myilly Point- no shade

Blog: Darwin Family Life- with reviews of Darwin Playgrounds

Group 2: 4.45pm: Retirees

Attendees: 9

Introduction conversation

- Social media coverage of CoD not watering parks due to inefficient

Themes summary:

- Shade is the number one priority.
- Trees are critical for shade and cooling
- Shared Paths are a concern. Behaviour and crowding is a concern. Paths not wide enough.
- Watering and keeping public spaces green is a topical issue. People are very aware of council watering and green spaces.
- Generally satisfied with City of Darwin for efforts to improve green spaces.
- Jingili is again the exemplar.

Question: Why do you go to a green space/park?

- Trees, space, view, grass, freedom from traffic noise, exercise, relaxing, walking the dog, eating and drinking, socialising, with grandchildren
- Importance of green spaces has increased during and post COVID

Distance: walk or drive to green spaces

- Prefer to walk, but willing to drive
- Willing to drive for a better space or facility, for example if there is a coffee shop there
- Willing to drive to get a variety of spaces, to avoid the crowd, to walk the dog,
- Will use google maps in advance of walk/ exercise to see the space

Are crowds an issue?

- Nightcliff is too busy
- Parking can be an issue

Lee Point discussion. General concern about the impact of new housing estate.

What does a green space need?

- Shade, access
- Shade has to come from trees
- Basketball courts are great for teenagers- shade is again critical
- Parking closeby

General conversation:

- There are some issues with design of spaces- including shelter for tables, bbqs
- Jingili Water Gardens is an excellent example of a well designed park

- Fireworks are an issue for parks. This was debated across the group.
- Nightcliff can be too busy- an extra lane might be helpful. Issues with shared access for walkers, cyclists, scooters. Suggestion bike paths to be widened
- Dogs off leash on shared paths are an issue. Commend the City of Darwin for proactive efforts to promote dogs on leash, picking up dog poos.
- If there dogs off leash, some people will not go there. There are less dogs off leash in

early morning so people are more inclined to go then.

- Concern for this cohort when walking on shared paths. Dogs, bikes, scooters are a challenge. Especially for seniors with hearing challenges
- Unruly people put us off going to some places. Itinerants. It puts people off going to some places. Won't take children, grandchildren there. There is a feeling of not being safe, there is a mess in public spaces, or using a public space for shelter
- Discussion around green space requirements in new suburbs. What are the requirements?
- Community gardens is an area of interest. General consensus they are a positive thing and there is an appetite for more
- Council is doing well with public spaces and supporting people to use these spaces. Consensus that despite the issues listed, generally the public spaces are inviting
- Question: Are you speaking with Power Water about the watering issue?
- The green spaces are not just parks. Mangroves are a green space and serve a very important function for environment

What are the problems/ issues/ priorities?

- Shade- e.g. esplanade. Change behaviour to go earlier in the day to avoid sun.
- Shade- e.g. Nightcliff foreshore. Not enough trees.
- Trees. Essential for shade and cooling.

Wishlist:

- Shelters
- Better linked bike-paths
- Wider footpaths
- More lighting in public spaces and bike paths
- More drinking water
- Plant the right trees- natives
- Good feedback for AR street art festival

**CSIRO NOTES:**

Focus Groups – parks and gardens

Parents with young children (4 participants)

What attracts you to particular parks or greenspace in Darwin?

- Lots of full days in parks with young kids
- Preference for parks changes through the year depending on the shade available
- During the build-up seek out parks with lots of shade with water features (Jingili water gardens and Botanic Gardens).
- Need to consider shade at different times of the day and year
- Places with water play (e.g. Bicentennial Park and Anula Park) but often the systems are out of action (lack of maintenance or vandalism?)
- Jingili water gardens is considered a great example of what participants like in park as is designed to support nature based play with shading,
- Time available and having activities available for children can influence choice of park
- Parks with toilets are more attractive for longer visits (e.g. Garamanak Park in Lyons does not have toilet that is open for park visitors)
- Jingili water gardens has large shade trees that offer cooling benefits through the year
- Fun Bus (City of Darwin mobile playgroup [see [here](#)]) makes it attractive to get out to parks
- City of Darwin's Fun Bus was a good way to find out about local parks
- Kids prefer parks with swings and other equipment
- Look for parks within cycling distance and accessible by bikes (participant not aware that Lee point now has a bike path that connects the whole way down Lee Point Road)
- Bike paths that are safe for children and shaded – preference route through green space
- Howard Springs is attractive and cool [note: not in City of Darwin]
- More coffee vans at playgrounds would be attractive
- How busy the park is, and how boisterous the park is can influence how attractive it is to parents. Need to cater for a range of age groups
- Foreshore parks are more attractive in the late afternoon evening – cooler, food vans, sunsets, etc.
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What do you want in parks?

- Milley Point lacks shade which means the facilities are not suitable for much of the day
- Need shade throughout the day and where facilities are (BBQs, playground, tables etc.)
- Need to look at materials for playgrounds that are cooler and don't retain heat (e.g metal slides in full sun at Milley Point are often too hot to use).
- Artificial surfaces and manufactured shade structures are not enough to stay cool and also don't always provide shade with movement of sun through the day and seasons
- Q from participant - Are these parks being designed and implemented with local knowledge and perspective ?
- Sand is not accessibility friendly (e.g. Zuccoli park ) as excludes those in wheelchairs
- Need for mix of physical and sensory equipment that caters for a range of children and needs
- Parks are often located in exposed locations, they could be located using natural features/landscape (gullies, aspect, use of limestone etc.)
- Ideas for cooler – adding misting to shade structures, adding sprinklers to the park that run through the day and allow for cooling and water based play for children
- Water features and safe water play (e.g. Casuarina shopping centre and smith street mall) are attractive to children (need to consider a change of clothes)
- Equipment at parks often designed for a certain height range, which again is not inclusive
- BBQ and other facilities need both protection from rain during wet and to provide shade through the day
- Might need more information on parks to see what is there in terms of facilities (participants use google maps to find out what is there)
- Can parks be designed to accommodate both itinerants with shelter but also facilities for children? – need to get the itinerants input understanding their needs for parks
- Fenced/zoned areas for more active and quieter areas
- Accessible, clean and open toilets
- Need wet season play areas that provide some protection during thunderstorms
- Showers in parks, even those not beachside, might make it easier to clean up kids

#### Issues (what turns you off certain parks?)

- If you have to get in the car to get there it is a disincentive, so preference for bike/ walking accessible and secure bike parking. There are some missing links for cycling paths (linking Northern suburbs and the City)
- Little local parks often seem neglected and lack infrastructure
- Check sandfly and biting insect calendar as these can be problematic
- Small, local park close to home is in full sun so too hot for most of the year – except for a few weeks during wet season - so is not suitable due to lack of shade

- No shade for skate parks that means not usable for much of the day
- Limited accessible (i.e. wheelchair friendly) parking at some parks
- Wheelchair accessible swing (e.g. Lake Alexander) is segregated from the other play areas which means it's not inclusive and integrated
- Older Toilets (e.g. those associated with sporting pavilions) can be a bit unclean and not pleasant (participant Q - are they cleaned enough?) but newer toilets are often better, cleaner
- If you have to pay for parking or if the carpark is really hot then less attractive (even if the parking fee is nominal it can be hassle to find coins/recharge app while wrangling kids)
- Botanic Gardens lacks parking
- No or locked toilets is a turn-off
- Parks with high levels of itinerants can have lots of broken glass and other litter that make them unattractive
- Lack of lighting at night where there are itinerants can make it feel unsafe
- Particular parks are known for attracting itinerants (e.g., Stuart park and the Narrows)
- Lack of fencing can make it more difficult to supervise children and also keep off lead dogs under control
- Dogs are meant to be excluded within 10 metres of playground but often not adhered to and dogs off lead (Darwin has lots of 'tough' dogs) can feel threatening

Notes provided from participant

More universal design principles

- Less sand
- Better/more accessible parking
- Use of limestone rocks
- Nature strips/dividers in areas
- Misting/water
- Shade structures/natural shade trees
- Accessible BBQs/picnic areas
- Fences
- Signs and signage directions
- Slides made of steel
- Toilets can be hard to access
- Shading – more needed – exp. Over tables to eat at
- Slide not made of steel and explore alternative material for 'monkey' bars



### Retirees (9 people)

What attracts you to particular parks or greenspace in Darwin?

- Trees, space, views
- Use - Walking the dog, eating and drinking, biking, drinking coffee, music and salsa in the park
- Greenspace provided a refuge during covid lockdowns
- Preference to walk, but will drive to parks – depends on the intended activity
- De Le Plage [note – café co-located to Darwin Life saving club] at Casuarina Coastal Reserve is attractive as shady and has good coffee
- Where places are too busy (e.g. Nightcliff foreshore) they do seek out quieter areas and would be prepared to drive to avoid crowds - Crowds are an issue at times on the foreshore and lack of parking
- Jingili water garden is example of a well-designed park

What do you want in parks?

- Role for Small more structured parks and more expansive natural areas like Lee Point
- Use google maps to drill down on what's at the park and accessibility
- Shade needs to come from trees, shade structures not as cooling but do need constructed structures for wet season
- Adequate maintenance needed – bins emptied, need to be irrigated and grass cut
- Need more spaces for teenagers (e.g., basketball courts that are shaded)
- Need little side paths that are away from the main path with bubblers, benches etc can be attractive as quieter area
- Paths should be widened to facilitate shared use
- Q from participant - Should public nature strips be planted out with native food trees?
- More community gardens should be supported and build awareness
- Need continuous shade along paths, some trees are establishing and will provide more benefits
- Water use needs to be considered in greenspace use
- Recognise the value of natural areas, such as mangrove walks, and the broader benefits they
- Not enough shade in some areas (e.g. walking along the Esplanade)
- Need more trees for shading, but also consider the other benefits of trees
- Native trees should be preferred to reduce water demand but may take more time to establish
- Need shade around sporting facilities for spectators and players
- Lighting for sporting facilities can help reduce heat but local residents complain around light pollution

- City of Darwin have done a great job in increasing greening but will take time to realise benefits
- There has been a lot of improvements in City of Darwin's parks that attract more people and greater use of the foreshore etc. Counter view provided that most of the issues mentioned (dogs, itinerants, etc. ) are not that bad
- Some missing links in bike paths and need lighting at night for safety and accessibility at night – again the wider paths are needed for shared use
- Q from participant – where can we look for innovative ideas from overseas (e.g. providing filtered and chilled water fountains) ?
- Innovation such art with augmented reality apps should be encouraged and extend outside of CBD
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Issues (what turns you off certain parks?)

- Population growth in the northern suburbs will increase pressure on conservation areas around Lee Point
- Some of NT Government (parks and wildlife) are often poorly planned – structures around BBQs etc are disconnected from tables, paths not connected etc.)
- Fireworks night results in damage and litter in parks
- Some conflict between shared path users (scooters, cyclists and walkers)
- Dogs off-lead are often nuisance on paths and scare people away from parks – people with dogs seem to be not aware of the rules or ill-defined rules around what areas are off-lead/on-lead and poor compliance (not under effective control)
- Unruly people in parks (i.e. itinerants) makes people feel threatened by shouting etc. and the mess that is left, and makes facilities hard to access
- They will not take grandchildren to areas they feel threatened by itinerants
- Q from participant - Should the needs of itinerants be embraced and accommodated in parks? E.g providing more support through basic services – shelter, food services, toilets etc
- Elderly can be challenged on shared paths – scooters, dogs and cyclists can be conflicting users (esp. Nightcliff) with differing speeds
- Do newer areas have the same area of greenspace as the more established suburbs?
- Costs of parks to maintain (irrigation)
- Cyclone Marcus meant tree loss and more grassed areas that people want irrigated to be kept green
- Vandalism can be an issue in some areas particularly areas close nightlife areas where people are drinking etc.
- Ongoing process to increase trees, incremental change

### Individual sports (2 people)

What attracts you to parks and greenspace?

- Parks uses – ride, walk and participate in events such as orienteering at east point, rock climbing
- Enjoy dedicated paths that are just for cycling and walking
- Foreshore has nice breezes, views of the water, shading that make it more pleasant cycling
- Swim in Lake Alexandra and waterfront lagoon (water quality can be variable)
- Use of velodrome and awaiting rebuild to improve infrastructure (shading and water points)
- Exercise very early or later to avoid heat, particularly during the build-up
- Food vans on the foreshore has helped to activate and change the greenspace along the foreshore at Nightcliff
- East Point is attractive as quiet, connect with nature, watch the sunset while exercising with less crowds
- Northern suburbs has better active transport connectivity between green space compared to areas close to the city.
- Even if not directly using the local parks they still provide benefits (visual amenity, local cooling benefits)

What do you want in parks?

- Need for water stations along cycling paths
- outdoor gyms are attractive option – also can increase perception of safety by having other users
- Food vans and events can make parks more attractive (Botanic Gardens)
- Lack of water points along bike paths and in parks generally
- Prefer trees for shade compared to constructed shade structures
- If funds were available, then preference better active transport connectivity to encourage more cycling and walking – quality of the paths needs to be considered, and connect missing links e.g., Parap to Nightcliff
- Swimming enclosures so that you can safely swim in the sea through the year and provide better connection to the water as well providing cooling opportunities
- Increase free sporting facilities in parks (e.g. beach volleyball, basket courts etc) that are well lit and shading that can help activate areas (example given of Cairns foreshore)
- Where do we look for inspiration overseas in how greenspace is used? Singapore?

Issues (what turns you off certain parks?)

- Lack of lights along bike paths and itinerants can raise safety concerns at night
- Some paths, such as Tiger Brennan Drive, are very exposed with no trees/shading, and poor amenity along the highway
- Toilets can be lacking in cleanliness and itinerants camping outside them makes them unattractive
- Avoid places that don't parking available but generally not a big issue in Darwin
- Local park close to house (Stuart Park) is not used as itinerants use this park leave behind rubbish, urinate etc that make it unpleasant
- Small park (Parap) not well used but could be improved
- Need more street trees and needs integration with broader design of city to cool the city
- Lighting in the Botanic Gardens could be improved, as feels not safe to walk through at night after events
- Some spaces such as the Botanic Gardens feel underutilised, which could be improved

<b>Stakeholders - Up to 8 meetings, others via email comms</b>
<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Tier 1</b>
City of Darwin Youth Advisory Committee
CoD Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee
CoD Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee
CSIRO Focus Groups
CSIRO Focus Groups
CSIRO Focus Groups
<b>Tier 2</b>
<b>Industry Experts</b>
NT Shade
Hardy's landscaping
NT Sports & Playground Surfacing
<b>NT Government</b>
Minister for Youth; Seniors - Hon Lauren Moss
Minister for Aboriginal Affair - Hon Selena Uibo
Minister for Sport; Territory Families - Hon Kate Worden
Minister for Infrastructure Planning & Logistics - Hon Eva Lawler
Minister for Disabilities; multicultural affairs - Hon Ngaree Ah Kit
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL)
Department of Territory Families
All Local MLAs

<b>Children &amp; Families</b>
Variety NT
Kidsafe NT
<b>Youth</b>
Build Up Skateboarding
EastbyWest - Skatepark construction
<b>Sporting Groups</b>
Shiner Town/Darwin Skate School
Roller Skate Darwin
Disc Golf
Made Concepts
Tennis NT
Darwin Basketball Association
Palmerston & Regional Basketball Association
Meleleuca Refugee Centre
Darrandira Child & Family Centre, Malak
Danila Dilba Malak Clinic
<b>Community Orgs</b>
Council of the Aging
Multicultural Council of the NT
Parks and Leisure Australia SA/NT
Larrakia Nation
Planning Action Network Group
APM Communities (Disability advocates)
Disability Sports Northern Territory
Total Recreation NT
<b>Internal Stakeholders</b>
<b>Tier 3</b>
Darwin Residents
Schools
Childcare Centres

**15.4 DARWIN LIVING LAB UPDATE**

**Author:** General Manager Innovation  
**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Darwin Living Lab Update be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the Darwin Living Lab.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Darwin Living Lab (the Lab) is a 10-year collaboration that commenced in 2019.
- The Lab was established to build on Darwin City Deal investments by using the latest science to identify and test best-practice approaches to tropical urban design and liveability, including supporting heat mitigation work.
- The Lab is led by CSIRO with governance provided by a Management Committee with high-level representatives from the CSIRO, City of Darwin, Northern Territory Government and Australian Government.
- CSIRO collaborated with City Deal partners to co-develop the Feeling Cooler in Darwin Heat Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy.
- The Lab worked closely with the City of Darwin to inform the development of the Climate Emergency and Greening strategies.
- Projects are being co-designed and co-developed to support the implementation of key City of Darwin strategies - Climate Emergency, Greening Strategy, Waste Strategy, Movement Strategy, and Smart Darwin Strategy.
- A presentation will be provided by CSIRO on the progress of the Lab.

**DISCUSSION**

During 2019-2021 the Darwin Living Lab (the Lab) developed baselines to provide a basis to monitor and evaluate changes to Darwin's liveability, sustainability and resilience that can be attributed to the City Deal and Lab. Outputs from foundation projects included:

- [land surface temperature and heat vulnerability for Greater Darwin](#),
- analysis of digital aerial photography with CSIRO Urban Monitor that has been incorporated in a web-based Digital Twin to evaluate changes in Darwin built and living infrastructure over the last decade (analysis aligned with ABS censuses 2011, 2016, 2021 to enable comparison with socio-demographic shifts),
- assisting effective operation and deployment of the Environmental Sensor Network through Switching on Darwin,
- [international benchmarking of the Heat Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy](#) with the view to ensure a world-leading strategy is developed,
- development of Your [Tropical City Website](#) to demonstrate best practice Tropical Design,
- coordination of engagements Symposiums and Webinars to advance capability and understanding of a [vibrant and cool future Darwin](#),
- Citizen-science and STEM activities that promote hands-on learning and sharing of ideas for bottom-up change,
- implementation of smart building analytics to identify opportunities for increased renewable energy utilisation and energy efficiency in Darwin's commercial buildings
- Larrakia-led documentation of biodiversity values,
- improved understanding of how people use and value green spaces in Darwin, and
- improved understanding of how outdoor workers, sportspeople and educators manage extreme heat and poor air quality in Darwin.

The current research plan for the Lab is structured to support the implementation of partner strategies and addressing critical research and knowledge requirements to progress in delivering the vision of Darwin as a 'thriving, cool capital of Northern Australia'. The research plan sets out how the Lab will work with partners to deliver on the three focal outcome areas for Darwin:

- Indoor environment: how to design and create cooler and more energy-efficient buildings?
- Outdoor environment: how to cool and green the city for liveability in a changing climate?
- Navigating change: how to use science and technology to track progress, inform decisions?

The Lab has developed the baseline data and tools (e.g. 2D Digital Twin) to monitor and evaluate changes as a result of City Deal projects and the Lab. In December 2023, the Lab will deliver a report that documents change in liveability, sustainability and resilience of Darwin. This report (with a working title of 'Tracking Darwin') will draw upon multiple datasets accumulated to date to deliver a highly visible and accessible public-facing conversational report that documents change in Darwin from efforts to cool the city and improve liveability. The Report will also provide insights to decision makers and planners in targeting future interventions and



engage the community in efforts to improve Darwin sustainability, resilience and liveability. The intention is to replicate this deliverable in 2026 and 2029 to provide a consistent framework in evaluating and monitoring of change in Darwin, which can inform future strategy evaluation and implementation.

Recognition and visibility of the Darwin Living Lab is growing nationally and is being incorporated into international facing publications such as:

- [Australia's National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy 2021-25](#)
- [State of Environment Report 2021](#)
- [Australia's 8<sup>th</sup> National Communication on Climate Change \(Pending\)](#)

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b></p> <p>Partners have committed \$6.8 million over its ten-year life span:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$2.1 million</b> – CSIRO</li> <li>• <b>\$2.7 million</b> – Australian Government</li> <li>• <b>\$1 million</b> – Northern Territory Government</li> <li>• <b>\$1 million</b> – City of Darwin (\$100,000 per annum)</li> </ul> <p>These funds are viewed as seed funding and the Darwin Living Lab seeks to grow impact through further partnerships and projects during its lifetime.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b></p> <p>For noting: the Darwin Living Lab has an active Communication and Engagement Strategy</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

**15.5 POLICY MANAGEMENT - 23RD COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE**

**Author:** Acting General Manager Corporate

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. City of Darwin Policy Register [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Policy Management – 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Policy Review Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the list of policies contained within the report which are scheduled for review and adoption at the nominated meeting dates and no later than 30 June 2023.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the status of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Policy Review Schedule.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Council adopts policies and procedures to support the implementation of Council's Strategic and Municipal Plans and to meet legislative requirements.
- All policy documents are reviewed as a minimum once per term of Council.
- The review schedule is presented to Council annually with the last schedule presented to Council in February 2022.

**DISCUSSION**

The current practice is for all Council policies to be reviewed as a minimum, once per term of Council.

To assist Council and the organisation with a strategic and planned approach to policy review, a review schedule was developed and presented to Council in December 2017. The last policy review schedule for the 23rd Council was presented in February 2022.

All policy reviews will be scheduled for completion by June 2025 prior to any caretaker period leading up to the next election in August 2025. All scheduled policy reviews have been/will be given a nominated meeting date for presentation to Council. This review schedule will be monitored by management on a regular basis.

At the commencement of the 23rd Term of Council, the full suite of Council policies totalled 52 policies. There are currently 61 active Council policies (**Appendix 1**).

Policies due to be reviewed prior to June 2023 for the 23rd term of Council are outlined below:

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Review Due</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
0042.100.E.R	Outdoor Advertising Signs Code	GM Innovation	23/02/2014	28/11/2023
0037.100.E.R	Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property Policy	GM Innovation	26/08/2018	28/11/2023
0085.100.E.R	Compliance and Enforcement Policy	GM Community	08/08/2022	27/06/2023
0025.100.E.R	Community Engagement Policy	Chief Executive Officer	14/08/2022	27/06/2023
0066.100.E.R	Allocation of Surplus Funds Policy	GM Corporate	25/09/2022	27/06/2023
0100.100.E.R	CEO Code of Conduct	Chief Executive Officer	28/09/2022	29/11/2022
0047.100.E.R	Regulatory Miscellaneous Policy	GM Community	09/10/2022	27/06/2023
0055.100.E.R	Asset Management Policy	GM Community*	12/03/2023	27/06/2023
0094.100.E.R	Elected Members - Breach of Code of Conduct Policy	Chief Executive Officer	15/03/2023	14/03/2023
0024.100.E.R	Investment Policy	GM Corporate	12/04/2023	11/04/2023
0069.100.E.R	Risk Management Policy	GM Corporate	13/04/2023	11/04/2023
0003.100.E.R	Car Parking Policy	GM Innovation	15/05/2023	09/05/2023
0008.100.E.R	Community Inclusion Policy	GM Community	28/05/2023	26/04/2023
0070.100.E.R	Procurement Policy	Chief Financial Officer	15/06/2023	13/06/2023
0088.100.E.R	Unsolicited Proposals Policy	Chief Financial Officer	15/06/2023	13/06/2023

\*Note that Policy 0055.100.E.R. will transition to the GM Innovation as part of the review.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 22 February 2022 meeting, Council resolved:

**14.5 POLICY MANAGEMENT – 23RD COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD076/22**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Policy Management – 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Policy Review Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the list of polices contained within the report which are scheduled for review and adoption at the nominated meeting dates and no later than 30 June 2022.

**CARRIED 11/0**

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	There are no budget or resource implications as result of this decision. Policy reviews are undertaken within existing resources.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019 (NT)</i> <b>Policy:</b> <i>City of Darwin Governance Framework</i>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.  If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

**APPENDIX 1 - CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER**

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Review Due</b>
0001.100.E.R	Animal Management Policy	GM Community	08/12/2024
0003.100.E.R	Car Parking Policy	GM Innovation	15/05/2023
0006.100.E.R	Environment Policy	GM Innovation	27/10/2024
0008.100.E.R	Community Inclusion Policy	GM Community	28/05/2023
0011.100.E.R	Outdoor Dining Policy	GM Innovation	13/08/2023
0013.100.E.R	Tourism Promotion Policy	GM Innovation	13/04/2025
0014.100.E.R	Elected Members, Gifts and Benefits	Chief Executive Officer	17/05/2024
0015.100.E.R	Elected Members, Protocols and Interactions Policy	Chief Executive Officer	27/10/2024
0016.100.E.R	Staff Gifts and Benefits	Chief Executive Officer	17/05/2024
0017.100.E.R	Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy	Chief Executive Officer	12/04/2026
0018.100.E.R	Filling Casual Vacancies Policy	Chief Executive Officer	15/03/2024
0019.100.E.R	Fees and Charges Policy	GM Corporate	15/06/2025
0020.100.E.R	Credit Card Policy	Chief Executive Officer	17/05/2024
0021.100.E.R	Accountable Forms Policy	Chief Executive Officer	17/05/2024
0023.100.E.R	Borrowing Policy	GM Corporate	17/05/2026
0024.100.E.R	Investment Policy	GM Corporate	12/04/2023
0025.100.E.R	Community Engagement Policy	Chief Executive Officer	14/08/2022
0026.100.E.R	CEO Allowances and Other Benefits Policy	GM Corporate	12/07/2024
0027.100.E.R	Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record Policy	GM Corporate	30/08/2026
0029.100.E.R	Fraud Prevention Policy	GM Corporate	25/08/2024
0031.100.E.R	Communications and Media Policy	Chief Executive Officer	30/03/2025
0032.100.E.R	Confidential Information and Business Policy	Chief Executive Officer	16/06/2024
0033.100.E.R	Privacy Policy	GM Corporate	26/04/2024
0036.100.E.R	Caretaker Policy	Chief Executive Officer	27/10/2024
0037.100.E.R	Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property Policy	GM Innovation	26/08/2018
0040.100.E.R	Developer Contribution Plans Policy	GM Innovation	13/07/2024
0041.100.E.R	Land Use Planning Policy	GM Innovation	13/07/2024
0042.100.E.R	Outdoor Advertising Signs Code	GM Innovation	23/02/2014
0043.100.E.R	Meetings Policy	Chief Executive Officer	13/07/2025
0044.100.E.R	Public Library Service Policy	GM Community	13/04/2025
0047.100.E.R	Regulatory Miscellaneous Policy	GM Community	09/10/2022
0048.100.E.R	Memorial Policy	GM Community	26/07/2026
0050.100.E.R	Trees on Verges - Conservation Policy	GM Community	15/06/2024
0051.100.E.R	Verges Policy	GM Community	15/06/2025
0053.100.E.R	International Relations & Sister City Policy	GM Innovation	26/07/2026
0054.100.E.R	Waste Management Exemption Policy	GM Innovation	29/06/2026
0055.100.E.R	Asset Management Policy	GM Community	12/03/2023
0065.100.E.R	Sponsorship Policy	Chief Executive Officer	27/08/2023
0066.100.E.R	Allocation of Surplus Funds Policy	GM Corporate	25/09/2022
0067.100.E.R	Financial Reserves Policy	GM Corporate	17/05/2026
0069.100.E.R	Risk Management Policy	GM Corporate	13/04/2023
0070.100.E.R	Procurement Policy	GM Corporate	15/06/2023
0071.100.E.R	Shared Services Policy	GM Corporate	22/02/2024
0072.100.E.R	Employment Policies Statement	GM Corporate	28/06/2026
0079.100.E.R	Street Food Policy	GM Innovation	30/03/2025
0082.100.E.R	Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces & Places Policy	GM Community	13/07/2024
0083.100.E.R	Leasing Policy (Long Term Lease)	GM Innovation	27/07/2024
0084.100.E.R	Public Art and Cultural Development Policy	GM Community	13/07/2024

0085.100.E.R	Compliance and Enforcement Policy	GM Community	08/08/2022
0086.100.E.R	Open Data Policy	GM Innovation	27/07/2024
0088.100.E.R	Unsolicited Proposals Policy	GM Corporate	15/06/2023
0091.100.E.R	Financial Hardship Support Policy	GM Corporate	30/08/2025
0092.100.E.R	Casting Vote Policy	Chief Executive Officer	30/09/2025
0093.100.E.R	Advisory and other Committees Policy	Chief Executive Officer	27/10/2024
0094.100.E.R	Elected Members - Breach of Code of Conduct Policy	Chief Executive Officer	15/03/2023
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**16      REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**17      QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

**18      GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**19      DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act:

**26.1 Nightcliff Village Masterplan**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**26.2 Endorsement of Football NT Proposed Facilities - Fannie Bay and Malak Ovals**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.3 Update on BOM Weather Station at East Point Reserve**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.4 Proposed Changes to Parking**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

**26.5 Lot 7651 Development Proposal**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

**26.6 Electric Vehicle Charger Opportunity**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.7 Street Food Permit Fee**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**26.8 Update on Neuron Agreement**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage

on, any person.

**27.1 Nightcliff Library Expression of Interest**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**27.2 2022 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up Update and Proposed Improvements**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(b) and 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**27.3 Making Mindil Safe Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**21      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 15 November 2022**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Deputy Lord Mayor Vim Sharma, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Kim Farrar, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, Councillor Mick Palmer, Councillor Peter Pangquee, Councillor Morgan Rickard, Councillor Ed Smelt, Councillor Amye Un, Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

**OFFICERS:** Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer), Chris Kelly (Acting General Manager Corporate), Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Paul Arnold, Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

**GUESTS:** NIL

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Unconfirmed

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

## 2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Councillor Vim Sharma was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:30 pm.*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:30 pm*

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe joined the meeting at 5:31 pm.*

## 3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### RESOLUTION ORD523/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.32 pm.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

### RESOLUTION ORD524/22

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the apology from Councillor Paul Arnold, be received.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

NIL



#### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD525/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

- A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Member Rebecca Want De Rowe for the period 25-28 November 2022

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

##### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

**RESOLUTION ORD526/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the Local Government Act and Decision No. 21\0009 – 15/04/12, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at this Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 November 2022:

- Councillor Brian O’Gallagher
- Councillor Rebecca Want De Rowe

**CARRIED 11/0**

##### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

NIL

#### 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

##### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

**RESOLUTION ORD527/22**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

- A. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 & 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Ed Smelt, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 26.1
- B. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 & 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Kim Farrar, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.2

**CARRIED 11/0****6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

NIL

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD528/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 October 2022 and the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 November 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0****8 MOVING OF ITEMS****8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

NIL

**8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

NIL

**8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING****26.1 COMMUNITY GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS ROUND 2 2022/23****RESOLUTION ORD525/22**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grant Recommendations Round 2 2022/23 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following nine projects for funding as recommended in the Community Grants Program 2022/2023 Round 2, for a total of \$50 000.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Top End Women's Legal Service Inc.	\$8,000 + \$170 in kind
Northern Territory Multiple Births Club (NTMBC)	\$1,227 + \$60 in kind

Northern Territory Working Women's Centre Incorporated	\$9,830 + \$170 in kind
Arafura Wind Ensemble Incorporated	\$5,250
Arts Access Darwin, Darwin Community Arts	\$8,097 + \$1750 in kind
Vietnamese Community in Australia - NT Chapter	\$3,140
St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc	\$8,686
Darwin Men's Shed	\$3,620
Nicole Brown auspiced by Miyartiwi Dreaming Ltd	\$2,150

3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **26.2 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **RESOLUTION ORD526/22**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of New Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint Anais Henry-Martin and Adam Van Wessel to the Youth Advisory Committee from 13 October 2022 to 31 October 2024.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

## **26.3 UPDATE ON PROPOSED OPENING OF A PORTION OF GARRAMILLA BOULEVARD**

### **RESOLUTION ORD527/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Proposed Opening of a Portion of Garramilla Boulevard be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, after considering the outcomes of the community consultation process, provide approval for the Lord Mayor to write to the Minister for Local Government requesting that the portion of Garramilla Boulevard in **Attachment 1** be opened and vested to City of

Darwin.

3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

#### **27.1 SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT UPDATE**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD531/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Environmental Audit update be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **27.4 MCMINN CAR PARK UPDATE**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD534/22**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled McMinn Carpark Update be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open following the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0**

#### **27.5 YMCA NT QUARTERLY POOL MANAGEMENT REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD535/22**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled YMCA NT Quarterly Pool Management Report – July to September 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0****27.6 UNCONFIRMED CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 21 OCTOBER 2022****RESOLUTION ORD536/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes – Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) – 21 October 2022, be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 12/0****9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

NIL

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

NIL

**11 PETITIONS**

NIL

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

NIL

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

NIL

*Councillor Vim Sharma joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.*

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING POLICY

#### RESOLUTION ORD529/22

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Car Parking Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Car Parking Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 12/0**

## 15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 15.1 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022 (Q1)

#### RESOLUTION ORD530/22

Moved: Councillor Vim Sharma

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report: July - September 2022 (Q1) be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### 15.2 IRRIGATION - PLAY SPACE AT DRIFFIELD PARK ANULA

#### RESOLUTION ORD531/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the report entitled Irrigation - Play Space at Driffield Park Anula be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### 15.3 EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### RESOLUTION ORD532/22

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled 'East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 8 September 2022' be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**15.4 UNCONFIRMED OPEN MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 21 OCTOBER 2022****RESOLUTION ORD533/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Open Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) – 21 October 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD534/22**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**16.1**

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on meeting with Nightcliff Primary School Road Safety Committee staff, City of Darwin Staff, Councillors and the Lord Mayor. Productive meeting, school would like to upgrade the children's school crossings on 3 sites, with a view to upgrade to wombat or elevated pedestrian crossing.

**16.2**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris reported on the Young Territory Author Awards, which was attended by very talented young Authors. Thank you very much to staff for the professionally run event. All the young kids were made to feel welcomed, but they missed the Lord Mayor's presence and would like to see you at the next event.

**16.3**

Councillor Amye Un reported on Young Territory Authors award, it was amazing and well done. Also received an email from the Electoral Office of Fannie Bay, seeking a response from City of Darwin for the replacement of swing on Weddell Street, advised that Community Manager will visit. Another invitation was received to attend the Reconciliation Master Plan, Presentation and Program but this was cancelled because it is not part of my duties.

**16.4**

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher thanked The Lord Mayor for meeting the Governor of Negros, and reported that he did see the Governor the next day at a graduation ceremony at ICAE with Councillor Amye Un, and the Governor was very grateful and believed that the reception he received from you was really supportive, and I believe there is a great opportunity to develop our relationship.

**16.5**

Councillor Morgan reported on the meeting attended by Chan Ward Councillors with the Member for Fannie Bay and Baggot Community members to discuss some of the issues in the community. It was a productive meeting, and am looking forward to being able to continue those meetings hopefully with some Council Officers,

**CARRIED 12/0**

**17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****17.1 PHOTOS OF DECONSTRUCTION STAGES - CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LIFESTYLE CENTRE****Question:**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhouris enquired about photos of the deconstruction stages of the Casuarina Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre and how this was going to be captured? It is with a drone, is going to be from above, is it still footage or is it film clips? I have a few people in the area that are asking, because I think it will be a historic event to be put up later on as a piece at the Aquatic Centre.

**Answer:**

The Executive Manager Infrastructure responded and advised that drone will be flown once a month on the same path, when there is interest happening. Basically it will be video footage, and images can be taken from that.

**17.2 PROGRESS DRIVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING****Question:**

Councillor Morgan Rickard enquired about the island near the roundabout at the bottom of Progress Drive, and looking the viability of putting a crossing there? Would like to see where we are up too?

**Answer:**

The Executive Manager Environment, Climate and Waste responded and advised that this will be taken on notice, and will provide a response shortly.

**17.3 RAPID CREEK BRIDGE****Question:**

Councillor Ed Smelt enquired about the Rapid Creek Bridge update.

**Answer:**

The General Manager Community responded and advised that works is progressing well, they have lost a few days due to weather conditions, but have advised that they have revised their date to the 25 November 2022 weather pending.



**17.4 CITY OF DARWIN WEBSITE - UPDATE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS DETAILS****Question:**

Councillor Sylvia requested for the City of Darwin website to be updated with all the newly elected Advisory Committee Members, there are no name listings or contact details.

**Answer:**

The Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that this will be taken on notice, and discuss options with team.

**17.5 TREES ON SABINE ROAD****Question:**

The Lord Mayor enquired about the water regime for the trees on Sabine Road. There was a complaint on the radio about the Council and the lack of watering which has caused tree's to die. If they have died could we please replace them.

**Answer:**

The General Manager Community responded and advised that it will be taken on notice, and a response will be provided.

**17.6 CREATE TEAMS GROUP FOR COUNCILLORS****RESOLUTION ORD535/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

**Question:**

The Lord Mayor requested for TEAMS Group to be created for Councillors to meet.

**Answer:**

The General Manager responded and advised that this will be taken on notice and will follow up with the request with the IT Department.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**18 GENERAL BUSINESS****18.1 ANNUAL REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD536/22**

Moved: Councillor Vim Sharma

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Councillor Panquee would like to thank staff for the work put into Annual Report, job well done, and well deserving

**.CARRIED 12/0**

**19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2022, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Unconfirmed

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**26.3 Update on Proposed Opening of a Portion of Garramilla Boulevard**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**26.4 Update on Walkway 239, Coconut Grove**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

**26.5 Commercial Tyre Disposal at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.6 Shiers Streets Proposal**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**26.7 Darwin Central Business District Speed Limit Review**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

**27.1 Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Environmental Audit Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council

or some other person.

### **27.2 Proposed development at Smith Street**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

### **27.3 CDU Education Precinct and Request Investment in Car Parking Infrastructure**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

### **27.4 McMinn Car Park Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

### **27.5 YMCA NT Quarterly Pool Management Report - July to September 2022**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

### **27.6 Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) - 21 October 2022**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

21 Adjournment of Meeting and Media Liaison

**21.1 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 5.54 pm

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8.13pm

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8.13pm

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 November 2022.**

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**CHAIR**