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## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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| * Council Buildings        | * Roads              |
| * Drainage                 | * Street Lighting    |
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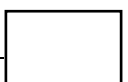


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Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - Monday, 23 March 2009

## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 2.1 Apologies

### 2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil

## 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ELECTED MEMBERS

## 4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil



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Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting - Monday, 23 March 2009**5 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 March, 2009, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number .....

DECISION NO.20\() (23/03/09)

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 February, 2009, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (23/03/09)

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING****8 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Nil



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 10/03/2009**REPORT****TO:** ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE/OPENA**APPROVED:** TV**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**APPROVED:** LC**REPORT NO:** 09TS0041 TV**COMMON NO:** 1292292**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION REPORT - LARRAKEYAH OUTFALL SEWER AND  
DARWIN CBD WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT – THE ESPLANADE**ITEM NO: 9.1****SYNOPSIS:**

The PowerWater Corporation (PWC) intend to undertake two large sewer and water infrastructure projects over the 2009 Dry Season. These works are components of a broader strategy to meet infrastructure demand beyond 2030 in the CBD and adjacent areas. All works are to be undertaken by PWC. This report is provided to inform Council of the intended projects and timeframes.

**GENERAL:**

A summary of the planned location and timing of the sewer and water projects is as follows:

1. Darwin CBD Water Supply Enhancement Projects
  - a. Stage 1 - The Esplanade - March 2009 to August 2009
  - b. Stage 2 - Dinah Beach Road - July 2009 to December 2009
2. Larrakeyah Outfall Sewer
  - a. Stage 1 – Larrakeyah Terrace sewer
  - b. Larrakeyah Diversion Sewer
  - c. Doctors Gully Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade and Rising Main

Please refer to the attached Project Information Sheets **ATTACHMENT A** Darwin CBD Water Supply Enhancement Project and **ATTACHMENT B** Larrakeyah Outfall Closure Plan issued by PWC for further details.

Council and PWC officers have liaised regarding the designs and construction of these essential infrastructure projects. Discussions have included alignments of final infrastructure, construction procedures, traffic controls, public relations and minimising disruptions to the community.

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Council will continue to liaise and work with PWC through the life of the projects.

Council has indicated to PWC as to whether there is an opportunity to install a Third Pipe (Grey Water) System during the construction of the sewer system. The sewer system is a combination of new, upgraded and existing network which may make the installation unfeasible. No formal response has been received from PWC to date. Council officer's will continue to explore the matter with PWC.

Construction works are likely to cause localised disruptions. Disruption to traffic is expected and all reasonable attempts will be made to minimise these. Council owned infrastructure which is effected will be reinstated following construction.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This item is not considered "Confidential".

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

All matters are to be handled by PowerWater Corporation. Council will continually liaise with PWC and monitor works. Project signage providing relevant information including contact details relating to concerns will be erect by PWC.

As a result of the water main a number of carparking spaces will be temporarily lost during construction. Works are being planned to limit the number unavailable at anyone time.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Consideration during the planning and design process.

### **DELEGATION:**

To the Chief Executive Officer to provide standard Development Permit conditions as appropriate.

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

PWC will undertake all required consultation.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:**

Information boards will be erected by PowerWater corporation.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09TS0041 TV entitled Information Report - Larrakeyah Outfall Sewer And Darwin CBD Water Supply Enhancement – The Esplanade, be received and noted.

**EDWARD (TED) VIVIAN**  
**TEAM LEADER DEVELOPMENT**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Ted Vivian on 8930 0413

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 10/03/2009**REPORT****TO:** ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE/OPENA**APPROVED:** DL**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**APPROVED:** LC**REPORT NO:** 09TS0030DL**COMMON NO:** 179165**SUBJECT:** CASUARINA LIBRARY MONTHLY AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORT –  
MARCH 2009**ITEM NO: 9.2****SYNOPSIS:**

The Casuarina Library has been operational since 15 December 2008 and was officially opened by the Lord Mayor 9 February 2009. This report is the March 2009 and final Progress Report for the Casuarina Library Upgrade project.

**GENERAL:**

Progress in regard to the main aspects of the Casuarina Library Upgrade project is summarised below.

- *New Air Conditioning System* – The new air conditioning system is complete and operational. It has a 6 star energy rating and will likely result in significant savings in greenhouse gas emissions and power costs each year;
- *New Internal Building Works* – The internal building works and new toilet/store area have been completed;
- *New Carpet* – The new carpet works have been completed;
- *New Shelving* – The new shelving works have been completed;
- *New Furniture* – The new furniture has been installed;
- *IT Works* – The IT works have been completed;
- *Internal and External Painting* – The internal and external painting works have been completed, including the external painting of the new toilet/store area;



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- *New Self-Check Out Stations* – The new self-check out stations have been installed and are operational;
- *Removal, Storage and Replacement of Furniture, Books and Computers* – The existing furniture retained, books and computers previously stored in the West Lane Arcade have been returned to the library;
- *Temporary Air Conditioning* – The temporary air conditioning has been decommissioned and removed from the site;
- *Public Artwork* – The scope of the public artwork is yet to be determined. A budget allocation of \$5,000 remains for this;
- *Building Certification/Planning Issues* – Although the Building Certification/planning issues requiring addressing in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the current upgrading project were dealt with in the scope of the current library upgrade project, the Building Certifier has identified further building issues that should be addressed within parts of the building that are not being disturbed (eg. inadequacies of stairway system to mechanical plant room, and other issues). These can be dealt with at a later date, under a future budget. Significant works on the fire fighting and emergency egress provisions have been undertaken already within the library in order to meet the Building Code of Australia requirements;
- *New Toilet/Store Area* – The new toilet/store area has been completed.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The carry over budget taken into 2008/09 for the Casuarina Library upgrade project was \$1,159,707. Subsequent 2008/09 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget variations to the value of \$372,879 and \$212,673 respectively were required to complete the project.

The total cost to complete the Casuarina Library upgrade project was \$1,745,259. A combination of significant additions to the scope of the project, unforeseen works variations and additional upgrading works to achieve Building Code of Australia compliance (identified by the Building Certifier during the project construction stage) resulted in the budget over-run on this project.

The specific items contributing to the increased cost of the project include the following:

- New partition between the children's area and reference desk (full height glass wall);
- Modifications to the old meeting room wall;
- Reconfiguration of the meeting rooms subsequent to the preparation of the previous updated cost estimate necessitated an external entry for after hours use and hence required the provision of another toilet for the use of after

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hours meeting room users. This toilet/store area extension was not within the previous scope of works;

- Upgrade of the security arrangement between the public area and the staff area by way of a card access system;
- Additional design and documentation to facilitate the scope additions;
- Additional furniture;
- A card access system for the temporary accommodation of some Casuarina library staff at the City Library theatrette;
- New meeting room in staff area;
- Additional costs associated with the removal, packing, transport and replacement of library books and dismantling and removal of existing shelving;
- Temporary air conditioning for several weeks during the construction period for carpet laying and removal/replacement of library books;
- The need to meet unforeseen BCA requirements (including, but not limited to new emergency lighting system, the air conditioning system and fire fighting works);
- Advertising costs associated with the calling of tenders and advising of library closure;
- Building variation for repairs to existing female toilet, providing joint filling on floor slabs, new beam over operable wall;
- Building variation for new lock/key system;
- Building variation for widening of new toilet/store area by 400 mm;
- Air conditioning variation for additional accuating valves/bypass assembly;
- Significantly higher than envisaged electrical fit out costs; and
- Significantly higher than envisaged painting costs.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

#### **Outcome**

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

#### **Key Strategies**

2.1.1 Manage and maintain the municipal landscaping and infrastructure to a standard that meets community needs

#### **Outcome**

2.2 Increase recreational, cultural and heritage experiences

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## **Key Strategies**

### 2.2.1 Enhance library facilities

## **Goal**

### 5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

## **Outcome**

### 5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

## **Key Strategies**

### 5.1.1 Create more opportunities for the community to access services and facilities

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Applications to the Minister for Local Government relating to the use of select tenders, the use of specific products and use of surplus loan funds were successful.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Upgrading and modernising public buildings may lead to positive public relations for Council.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

## **CONSULTATION:**

Manager Library Services  
 Team Leader Building Services  
 General Manager Infrastructure  
 General Manager Community and Cultural Services  
 Acting General Manager Corporate Services

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**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

A project sign was erected for the duration of the project to signify that this is a Council project.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09TS0030DL entitled Casuarina Library Monthly And Final Progress Report - March 2009, be received and noted.

**DROSSO LELEKIS**  
**MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**PROJECTS**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Drosso Lelekis on 89300414

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 09/03/2009**REPORT****TO:** ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE/OPENA**APPROVED:** LC**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**REPORT NO:** 09TS0040 LC:kb**COMMON NO:** 1541601**SUBJECT:** CAPITAL WORKS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2009**ITEM NO: 9.3****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an update on the current status of Capital Works Projects within the 2008/2009 budget, as of 28 February 2009.

**GENERAL:**

Council's 2008/2009 Capital Works budget comprises the following:

Adopted 2008/09 Capital Budget:	\$10,390,286
Carry-forwards from 2007/2008:	\$8,728,768
Quarterly Adjustments:	<u>\$1,038,819</u>
Total:	\$20,157,873

As of 28 February 2009, Council has committed or completed projects to the value of \$10,593,326 which represents a total of 52.5% of total budget.

Capital works expenditure traditionally slows during the wet season and Christmas holiday period.

There are a number of large projects which are currently in design and documentation or are out to tender which are all expected to be delivered in approved timeframes. These include:

- City Centre Revitalisation  
(awaiting Australian Government, RLCIP – Funding Applications outcome)
- Black Spot – Woolner Road  
(Tender documentation and funding being finalised, Tenders to be called in April 2009)

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- Disabled Lift DEC  
 (Australian Government Funding, RLCIP – funding approved March 2009  
 – tender documentation being finalised)
- Bagot Park Upgrade  
 (Tenders called March 2009)
- Reseal Program  
 (Contract Awarded – works to be completed by end June 2009)

Contained in **Attachment A** is a project specific report, provided for Council's information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

#### **Key Strategies**

7.1.3 Manage Council's affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

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**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Manager Strategy and Outcomes  
Business Support Officer – Infrastructure  
Financial Accountant  
Community and Cultural Services

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09TS0040LC:kb entitled Capital Works Report - February 2009, be received and noted.

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Luccio Cercarelli on 89300581.

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 03/03/2009**REPORT****TO:** ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE/OPENA**APPROVED:** KS**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**APPROVED:** LC**REPORT NO:** 09TS0035KS:nh**COMMON NO:** 394569**SUBJECT:** EXCELOO – BICENTENNIAL PARK**ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

Council has an ongoing program to install the Exceloo toilets. In 2007/08 Council purchased an Exceloo with the intention to install it within Bennett Park on the corner of Smith and Knuckey Streets in the CBD. The installation was deferred for a number of reasons. This report recommends the installation of the Exceloo at the southern end of Bicentennial Park in 2008/09.

**GENERAL:**

Each financial year Council has budgeted \$180,000.00 to purchase and install an Exceloo toilet at a predetermined location within the CBD. In the previous financial year (2007/08) a toilet was purchased and was to be installed at Bennet Park within the CBD. That a location was later received and not considered appropriate due to the presence of heritage listed buildings where it was considered the Exceloo would be out of character with the park and precinct. There are also plans for the installation of memorial infrastructure and public art recognising significant contribution to the community by the Northern Territory Police Force within Bennet Park. The Exceloo was never installed for the aforementioned reasons, Council could reconsider the location in conjunction with and following the resolution of issues such as the Northern Territory Police memorial and the re-development of the State Square precinct by Government.

Following a review of possible new sites four locations have been identified as possible sites, **ATTACHMENT A**. They are numbered in order of recommendation by staff. The locations have been selected on use of area, proximity to existing paths and infrastructure including power, water and sewer services, passive surveillance and ease of installing appropriate way finding signage. No additional facilities to this one toilet will be installed in 2008/09.



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The recommended alternative location has been identified at the southern end of Bicentennial park within near proximity to the Cenotaph and car park area. One of the key areas that visitors to the city are attracted to is Bicentennial Park and particularly the Cenotaph area where there is a great deal of historical and tourist related infrastructure. The closest existing public toilet facility is located approximately 600 metres to the north. This new location is located approximately 250 metres away from Bennet Park.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Estimated installation cost \$40,000, additional lighting (if required) \$8,000 and signage \$1,500. Funds are available in the 2008/09 budget.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **Outcome**

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

#### **Key Strategies**

2.1.1 Manage and maintain the municipal landscaping and infrastructure to a standard that meets community needs

#### **Goal**

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

#### **Outcome**

3.1 Promote the use of public spaces

#### **Key Strategies**

3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

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### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Anecdotal evidence from staff indicates a public toilet in the area will be welcomed by residents and visitors. There are no residential premises within the immediate area. This site is predominately increased by car parks and public open space. The Palms Hotel is located to the north east of the site.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Additional lighting may be required to be installed subject to final location.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

General Manager Infrastructure  
 General Manager Community & Cultural Services  
 Manager Communications & Marketing  
 Council Building Services Officer  
 Council Parks and Reserves Officer  
 Council Cleaning Services

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

A project board will be erected and advertisements placed in the Northern Territory News.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Way finding signage will be required at the corner Esplanade and Herbert Street.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS00035KS:nh entitled Exceloo – Bicentennial Park, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approves the installation of an Exceloo toilet in Bicentennial Park within the area shown in **ATTACHMENT A** to Report Number 09TS00035KS:nh.
- C. THAT the installation of an Exceloo toilet within Bennet Park be deferred and a review of future locations, need and operations be undertaken prior to the installation of additional facilities.

**KERRY SMITH**  
**MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MAINTENANCE**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Kerry Smith on 8930 0655.

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 5/03/2009**REPORT****TO:** ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** DL**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**APPROVED:** LC**REPORT NO:** 09TS0015DL:nj**COMMON NO:** 497836**SUBJECT:** WOOLNER ROAD – BLACK SPOT PROJECT**ITEM NO: 9.5****SYNOPSIS:**

Council approved the construction of a roundabout in Woolner Road as part of its 2008/09 Black Spot Program. Final designs and documentation have been completed and as a result of a change in scope and price escalations a shortfall in funding has been identified. This report provides Council with an update on project progress and recommends a revised funding model.

**GENERAL:**

The Woolner Road, Bishop Street intersection was nominated by Council as a Black Spot project and submitted to the Northern Territory Black Spot Consultative Panel for consideration in December 2007. The Council endorsed solution was a roundabout positioned at the intersection of Woolner Road and Brewery Place **Attachment A**. The project was approved for Commonwealth funding on August 2008.

Woolner Road is an important collector road linking two of Darwin's major arterial roads, the Stuart Highway and Tiger Brennan Drive and provides access for the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service. It has an estimated current daily volume well in excess of 10,000 vehicles per day, with AM and PM peaks of 4,600 and 4,900 vehicles per hour respectively. Woolner Road serves two public bus routes and provides access to and from Darwin Central Business Zone, industrial and residential areas.

The previous cost estimate of \$1.30 million, prepared at the time of the Black Spot submission in 2007, was based on preliminary drawings and did not include the relocation of services or allowances for an increased scope of works which only became apparent during the detailed design process. The increased scope of works includes increased pavement area due to the re-alignment of the roadworks to cater for design grade issues and to cater for the demands of the Northern Territory Fire &

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Rescue Services. Construction cost escalation in Darwin, also contributed to the increased cost.

With the exception of landscaping design, the design of the Woolner Road – Black Spot Project is now complete (landscaping design will be completed by the end of March 2009). The updated construction cost estimate provided by the Northern Territory based Quantity Surveyors Rider Levett Bucknall (excluding landscaping), reflecting the final scope of works for this project, is \$2.7 million. This estimate is based on the works being constructed during this coming Dry Season.

The cost estimate for landscaping and irrigation is \$150,000.

The estimated cost of the communications strategy outlined in the Public Relations implications is \$30,000.

The revised estimate for the total scope of works (including landscaping) is therefore, \$2.88 million.

The current balance of the project budget is \$1,201,043. The original budget of \$1,299,934 was made up of \$672,000 from the Australian Government Black Spot Program and a \$627,934 contribution from Council. Approximately \$100,000 has been expended to date against survey, design and documentation. As a result of change in scope and price escalations the shortfall is now \$1.68 million.

In January 2009 the Council was informed that additional funding would become available in the Territory under the Australian Government's Nation Building Package (NBP) for projects which qualify under the National Black Spot Program. An additional \$1 million is expected to be available to the Territory.

Council officers have made a submission under the NBP for an additional \$1 million for the Woolner Road Project.

At the time of writing the report, Council has not received any official notification regarding the approval or otherwise of its application. It is our understanding that the application has received positive support and is awaiting a final decision by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Should Council's application be unsuccessful a further report with outlining options and issues will be submitted for Council's consideration.

Providing the \$1.0 million in additional external funding is made available, a further \$680,000 in funding will be required from Council to complete the project.

If funding is secured, it is expected that tenders will be called for in April 2009 and works completion in September 2009. This means that the project will be undertaken over two financial years being 2008/09 and 2009/10.

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It is recommended that, subject to Council's NBP application being successful, Council fund its component of the cost difference being \$680,000 from its 2009/10 budget. There are no other Black Spots Projects being proposed by Council officers in 2009/10.

As a result of Council's work on Woolner Road, Northern Territory Government has been reviewing its network at the intersection of Stuart Highway and Woolner Road namely the left hand turn from Woolner Road onto the Highway. They are proposing the construction of the dedicated left hand turning lane and upgrading of stormwater in the area.

Discussion have been held and it has been agreed that these additional works would be undertaken as part of Council's Woolner Road Project and project managed by Council. Costs associated with planning, design and construction of these elements will be borne by Northern Territory Government.

The delivery of these additional elements will value add to improving safety and traffic flow in Woolner Road.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Refer to the General section of this report.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

#### **Outcome**

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.1.1 Effectively engage with Territory and Australian Government officials, particularly in the Darwin region

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin

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## **Goal**

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

## **Outcome**

3.2 Enhance transport systems

## **Key Strategies**

3.2.2 Continue to manage and maintain the municipal road network and infrastructure to a standard that meets the needs of the community

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

The Infrastructure Department will work closely with the Marketing and Communications Manager to facilitate a public relations and communications strategy to be implemented prior to, during and post construction to the project to ensure that the general public funding bodies and other stakeholders, are well informed.

The proposed strategy is outlined below:

## **BROAD COMMUNICATION APPROACH**

The Communications approach for this issue is to focus on the following key elements;

- The importance of the project in terms of reducing risk to motorists and increasing traffic flow;
- The successful application for funding to complete the Project;
- The stages of the Project and impact on traffic in the area;
- Where the Project sits in terms of future traffic improvements for the City.
- Council's Commitment to quality Project Development and Management;

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## PROMOTION

In addition to a regular flow of media releases and Monthly Project Update Reports, the Communication Strategy for this Project identifies the following options to communicate information.

Key Messages	Media	Frequency	Time Frame
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Branding</li> <li>• Project Dates</li> <li>• Traffic Implications</li> <li>• Safety Warnings</li> <li>• Project Partnerships</li> </ul>	Print Media Campaign	Bi Weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 week period leading up to Project implementation</li> <li>• Duration of Project</li> <li>• 4 week period after conclusion of Project</li> </ul>
	Radio Advertising Campaign	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 week period leading up to Project implementation</li> <li>• Duration of Project</li> <li>• 2 week period after conclusion of Project</li> </ul>
	Partnership/Project Promotion Signage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 week period leading up to Project implementation/during and 12 week period after conclusion of Project</li> </ul>
	Traffic Implication Signage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 week period leading up to Project implementation and during works.</li> </ul>
	Website Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 week period leading up to Project implementation</li> <li>• Duration of Project</li> <li>• 2 week period after conclusion of Project</li> </ul>



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## **ADDDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

The Communication Strategy for this project has identified a launch or official opening event be developed to promote the opening of the new works. This event will allow for recognition of major partners and create an opportunity for media to attend focus on the final result of the Project.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Positive. The Woolner Road Project meets the criteria for Black Spot funding and as such, has a history of accidents. Delaying the project would have negative implications for community safety.

## **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

## **CONSULTATION:**

Team Leader Design  
 Manager Communication & Marketing  
 General Manager Infrastructure

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Extensive public and stakeholder consultation has been undertaken during the planning and design phases and will continue as required prior to and during construction.

Ongoing as outlined in the body of the report.

## **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Signage delineating a Black Spot, Northern Territory Government and Council funded project will be erected prior to construction commencing and will be in place for the duration of the project.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0015 entitled Woolner Road – Black Spot Project, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceed to tender and commence construction in 2008/2009, with the Woolner Road – Black Spot Project subject to receiving an additional \$1 million in Black Spot funding as part of the Australian Government's Nation Building Package.
- C. THAT Council allocate \$680,000 in the Darwin City Council 2009/10 budget for the completion of the Woolner Road – Black Spot Project.

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**10 GENERAL BUSINESS****10.1 Outstanding Items**

ITEM NO.	MEETING REQUESTED	MEETING REQUIRED	SUBJECT MATTER	REASON FOR NON-SUBMISSION REMARKS
17.2	Ordinary Council 30/09/08  20\0802	Not Specified	Short Term Free Car Parking in the Central Business District  - Short term free car parking.	Report to be submitted to a future E & I Committee meeting
17.2	Ordinary Council 25/11/08  20\1057	Not Specified	Raphael Road and Swan Crescent Winnellie – Carparking  - Options to address the issues of illegal parking in the middle of Raphael Road and Swan Crescent Winnellie	Report to be submitted to a future E & I Committee meeting
17.5	Ordinary Council 28/10/08  20\0915	Not Specified	Schoolies Week – Vestey's Beach Damage  -Minimising the damage caused at Vestey's Beach due to Schoolies Week	Report to be submitted to a future E & I Committee meeting

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that information contained in Item 10.1, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (23/03/09)