

# Walkway management policy

## Policy No. 7730.100.E.R

### 1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- provide guidance in relation to the management, disposal or sale of City of Darwin walkways
- support management and decisions around walkways in alignment with the City of Darwin Movement Strategy
- provide and maintain a well-connected network of walkways contributing to the active transport and user mobility of Darwin
- consider and provide appropriate measures to minimise anti-social behaviour in and around walkways.

### 2 Scope

This policy is to provide direction for consistent decision-making and applies to all City of Darwin walkways.

### 3 Policy statement

Walkways are a key component of the active transport network and urban design feature of the Darwin Municipality's suburbs. A strong walkway network supports active transport and prioritises ease of pedestrian movement.

City of Darwin is committed to providing and maintaining a walkway network that facilitates active travel across the municipality. City of Darwin recognises the diversity of activities, as well as our diverse community with unique needs for mobility and transport.

City of Darwin understands the need for a safe community and neighbourhood and continues to monitor anti-social behaviour across the walkways whilst imposing measures to assist in minimising anti-social behaviour in City of Darwin walkways.

City of Darwin will maintain the network of walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and amenity for the community.

City of Darwin considers issues arising from behaviours in and around walkways and provides appropriate measures to attempt to minimise any anti-social behaviours in and around walkways.

City of Darwin will only consider divestment of walkways that:

- do not present opportunity to improve pedestrian network connectivity
- have been permanently closed on a 24/7 basis for longer than 2 years
- do not provide a link to commercial properties or activity centres, and/or
- the community has been appropriately consulted prior to the sale to ensure it meets community need.

City of Darwin will work with residents, relevant authorities, and other stakeholders to ensure walkways are maintained, managed and retained or divested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*.

## 4 Definitions

**Walkway** means a narrow pedestrian thoroughfare under the care and control of City of Darwin which is designated as Road Reserve.

## 5 Legislative references

*Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*.

## 6 Procedures / related documents

7730.001.I.N Selling a Walkway (Road Reserve) Procedure

8066.010.E.N Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure

## 7 Responsibility / application

This policy will be reviewed every four years or at such other time as necessary.

The implementation and maintenance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager Innovation.

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