



CONCEPT: State Square

The transformation of State Square precinct will reflect Darwin as a vibrant harbour city and a fitting capital of northern Australia to both draw Territorians to the CBD to celebrate the Territory lifestyle and improve walkability, and to attract new people, new business and new opportunities for growth.

More green space and water features will reduce heat and help to create a tropical oasis in the CBD, while sculptural place markers throughout State Square will acknowledge the Territory's history and diverse culture.

Multiple purposes will be explored within the landscape with options including opportunity for private ventures, community markets and public events.

There are a number of declared heritage places within the State Square precinct which will be carefully considered in the redevelopment of the site. There are also several other cultural heritage issues and sensitivities that will be taken into account during the planning for the redevelopment for State Square.

The Master Plan concept for the Redevelopment of State Square Precinct is in the process of being finalised.

Underground car park

The new carpark proposed to be located under the Speaker's Lawn on the north side of Parliament House aims to relocate all of the existing above ground carparks in the precinct to allow further development of the precinct. The facility will also have a dual role as a cyclone shelter.

By moving the existing bitumen car parking underground, more space will be created within the State Square precinct for landscaping, walkways, cycle paths, alfresco dining, reflection pools and relaxing/social areas.

Further design work is currently underway, with construction of the underground parking anticipated to start in March 2018, following a public tender process for the construction contract.

A New Fine Art Gallery

The Chan Building will be demolished in 2020 once the Northern Territory Government Data Centre is relocated to alternative premises, to complete the State Square vision. The redevelopment of the area includes the old Reserve Bank (Heritage building), and a proposed new Fine Art Gallery.

This new building will take pride of place in State Square; set amongst shading trees and against the formal architecture of Parliament House.

What you told us in stage 1 consultation

"...It looks amazing. I never go there now but I would probably pass through more often if it were like that..."

"...Would be nice to see it finished in a way that brings people in to sit and relax..."

"...A terrific idea. This is a much needed stimulus to the area which could potentially generate increased social activity with economic benefits..."

"...More greening, but a good start..."

Tell us what you think about the proposals for State Square.

