



Media Release

# Darwin City Council

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## *Australian Government \$1M Cycle-Path Funding*

Darwin City Council has been successful in securing \$1.05M in federal funding toward upgrades of the cyclepath network in Darwin. Council will add another \$1M to the project that will fill in the gaps in the network in the northern suburbs and to connect the network with the city centre.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer welcomes the Australian Governments continued confidence in dealing with Councils at the grass roots level “it makes real sense to deal directly with Council both in terms of economy of delivery and timely implementation” he said. “A better cycle network will provide the Darwin community with more recreation and transport options. More importantly the community can pursue these options in safety”.

This year the Darwin City Council has received \$13M in program funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments. Darwin City Council CEO, Brendan Dowd says this funding is important in providing much needed services and infrastructure “every dollar we receive means extra services for the community and reduces the burden on the ratepayer”.

The NT Government is undertaking cyclepath works in other traffic areas that they control and other cycle initiatives are in the pipeline within projects such as the Cavanaugh Street upgrade.

The Darwin project is part of the Australian Government’s \$40 million National Bike Paths Projects fund and a key element of the Australian Government’s Economic Stimulus Plan.

Damian Hale, Member for Solomon, was pleased to make the announcement today on behalf of Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development. Mr Hale said that this investment in local infrastructure will also help support the Darwin economy.

“By building better cycling infrastructure, the Government is also helping take cars off our local roads and reducing carbon emissions over the longer term.

“We are building community infrastructure that will encourage healthier lifestyles amongst residents and create more sustainable communities,” Mr Hale concluded.

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