The Northern Territory Government (NTG) is transforming Darwin’s CDB into a world-renowned tropical destination, creating more jobs for Territorians and boosting tourism.

The redevelopment of the State Square grounds is the first step to revitalising the city and making it a cooler and more public-friendly attraction.

A new underground car park will relocate all of the existing surface car parks into a new underground facility, which will free up this valuable land to be redeveloped as cool and shaded parklands to support public events and improve connectivity.

The new underground car park will be located beneath the existing grassed area between The Esplanade and Mitchell Street adjacent to Parliament House (commonly referred to as Assembly Park).

The facility will accommodate 450 car parks, including public parking and have a dual role as a cyclone shelter.

Construction of the underground parking is expected to take 15 months to complete and early works will commence in Darwin’s CBD next week.

THE FOLLOWING WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED AS PART OF THE EARLY WORKS

- Excavation to facilitate archaeological investigations.
- Removal of electrical services within the development site.
- Physical identification of all engineering services along site boundaries.
- Excavation and test pits to inform engineering design requirements.
- Relocation of gas services to road reserve if required.
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- Installation of semi-permanent site hoardings and traffic control barriers.
- Preparation of construction compound including temporary buildings and utilities.
- Installation of erosion and sediment control devices required when construction commences.

There will be minimal activity during these early works with 1-2 excavators, a vacuum excavation truck including 3-5 people onsite.

A project control group will ensure all stakeholders, businesses, neighbours and affected NTG Departments who may be impacted by the construction are regularly informed on project developments and milestones.

The new underground car park will be funded from the $100 million Darwin CBD Revitalisation budget, one of a number of exciting projects getting underway this dry season.

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