

State Square Underground Car Park Open to Public

Dear stakeholder,

Construction of the new \$20 million underground car park at State Square in Darwin City is now complete and the facility is ready for operation.

The car park is open to the public from today, 31 January 2020 and will be operated in conjunction with City of Darwin. Parking fees, including free parking hours, will align with other City of Darwin multi-story carparks.

The car park entry is via Herbert Street off Mitchell Street and the car park will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Existing precinct car park users will transition into using the new facility in February 2020.

The car park has 450 car parks including a minimum of 150 paid public parking spots and 6 electric vehicle charging stations. There is no additional cost for charging electric vehicles.

The car park entry awning is fitted with solar panels that will offset most of the electricity used by the car park.

The facility will also be a cyclone shelter in times of need.

Landscaping for the native plant garden on top of the new car park is underway and expected to be completed in mid-2020.

The native garden will include trees and plants like Boab, Ghost Gums, Weeping Tea Trees and Mataranka Fan Palms. The plant selection has been done in conjunction with local Horticulturists. The types and species have all been selected because of their tolerance to the local NT weather conditions, and are native/local plants.

The new car park will relocate 300 existing surface car parks underground to allow further development of the precinct, in line with the Civic and State Square Masterplan and reduce heat generation.

The three level underground car park was built by local company Tomazos Group and 60 jobs were created during construction and 165 other jobs supported the project.

For more information on the operation of the car park please go to:

www.darwin.nt.gov.au/live/parking-roads/parking/city-parking-locations

For more information on this and other projects go to: www.dipl.nt.gov.au.