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Darwin Urban Design Advisory Panel

The Urban Design Advisory Panel has been established by the Government to advise the Capital City Committee on specific matters and projects to achieve better urban design within the central city area and Darwin peninsula.

The panel combines both local, national and international expertise and is chaired by:

Professor Rob Adams, Director of Design and Culture, City of Melbourne

Rob has over 30 years experience as a practising designer in both private enterprise and public service. Cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary collaboration has formed a critical underpinning of Rob's work. Rob is a passionate believer in the good design of cities and the important role to be played by all levels of Government.

Other members of the panel include:

Leonard Lynch, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (NT Group)

Leonard is the Managing Director of the leading landscape architecture firm Clouston Associates. Leonard has been professionally involved in Darwin as a landscape architect since 1989.

Colin Browne, Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA)

Colin is a Director of Jackman Gooden Architects NT. Colin has experience in a wide and varied range of projects including residential, commercial, civic, institutional and sporting facilities in Darwin since 1981. Jackman Gooden has achieved many honours at the Annual RAIA Architectural Awards including receipt of the Tracy Memorial Award on two occasions.

Ross Finocchiaro, Property Council of Australia

Ross was born in Darwin and is a Director of the Gaymark Group of Companies. The group's diverse

portfolio includes the Darwin Central Hotel, the Fannie Bay Shops and commercial hub, cinemas, multi-deck car parking, shopping centres, office buildings, industrial complexes and specialised facilities. The Darwin Central Hotel won a RAIA Tracy Memorial Award.

Bob Nation, NT Government Architect

As the NT Government Architect, Bob Nation has been involved in the Darwin Waterfront Development, the Year of the Built Environment events in Darwin and the Desert Knowledge Project in Alice Springs. Mr Nation has more than 40 years experience as an architect in Australia and internationally and is the immediate past president of the RAIA.

Brendan Dowd, Darwin City Council

Mr Dowd is the Director of Technical Services at Darwin City Council. Mr Dowd is a Civil Engineer with over 28 years experience in a wide range of planning and development related projects.

Mark Doonar, Tract Consultants, Brisbane

Mark has a strong record of success in planning having been involved in many projects for over 20 years. He works with Government officers and elected representatives, community groups and built environment professionals across engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, surveying and real estate development.

Mark Meldrum, Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Mark has 13 years experience as an urban and regional planner with the NT Government and he currently is the Director of Strategic Planning with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.