(Re)Designing the Chan Building

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Turning Darwin’s historic Chan Building into an international standard visual arts gallery has taken a step forward with the release this week of the tender for its design.

The $18.3 million project will create a brand new cultural institution for the Territory as the Chan Building is turned into a world class art exhibition space, including a café and retail space.

“This project will provide the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory with a state-of-the-art space for prestigious collections as well as national touring exhibitions,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“It’s an exciting project and we’re keen to see it become one of the Territory’s premier, ‘must do’ arts and culture destinations.

“The design tender is just a small step forward but an important one nonetheless.”

Infrastructure Minister Peter Chandler said the tender would close on 4 November.

“We’re looking forward to some exciting, innovative tender applicants,” Minister Chandler said.

“We expect this project will attract a lot of interest not just locally but interstate and possibly internationally.

“We are aiming to achieve an iconic structure which will be visually striking and attract tourists and locals alike for years to come.”

The tender for the Provision of Design, Certification and Documentation Consultancy Services seeks a Principal Consultant to provide professional services including architectural, engineer, building certifier, quantity surveyor and town planner.

The final design must provide the Territory with a unique international draw-card building, while complementing and invigorating the existing Parliament House and Supreme Court Buildings and surrounds. The internal design must also have the “wow” “state of the art” factor.
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