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OLD COMMONWEALTH BANK SITE DEVELOPMENT
A GOOD NEWS STORY

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the planning application in Friday’s NT News to develop the old Commonwealth Bank site on the corner of Smith and Bennett St will be of great interest to those who value Darwin heritage.

The planning application states that there will be
- Shops, restaurants and offices
- 24 hotel suites
- 16 X 2 key 2 bedroom serviced apartments
- 28 X 3 and 6 X 5 bedroom apartments in 2 buildings of 22 and 2 storeys
- 4 levels of basement carpark

Gerry says the Commonwealth Bank site is an important part of Darwin Heritage and a building that survived the bombing of Darwin.

Gerry says the proposal will mean that this development will retain the 1940’s version of the Commonwealth Bank which will mean one of the most important and most recognisable sites in Darwin will be retained. Thankfully it will not be another Darwin Hotel.

Gerry says that although he does have concerns about the number of high rise buildings going up in Darwin, at least a lot more thought has gone into this development than some other high rise developments.

The car parking will be underground and the street level will have shops, restaurants and offices which will give the building life as well as being convenient for those visitors walking back to the CBD from the new waterfront development.

It’s good to see one developer appreciates our heritage.