$5 Million Funding For Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation

Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton today announced that $5 million would be invested in revitalising the Alice Springs CBD under Budget 2011.

Mr Hampton said the funding delivered on a Henderson Government commitment to upgrade the Alice Springs CBD.

“This project will enhance the centre of our town, making it a welcome and vibrant place for locals and visitors,” Mr Hampton said.

“There have been a series of consultations with stakeholders and the community about what people want to see in a revitalised CBD.

“There has been a strong message about the CBD reflecting the unique stories and character of Alice Springs and that public art be a strong component in the design.

“People have also spoken about the need to provide a central meeting place in the CBD that will give Alice Springs a new ‘heart’.”

The revitalisation will include:

- Streetscape works and shade structures to enhance the public environment
- New street furniture and landscaping which reflect the unique stories and culture of Alice Springs
- Public art works to be commissioned locally to grow the local economy
- Strengthening the East – West links between the mall and the river through landscaping and the removal of visual obstructions.

“I also see the CBD revitalisation project as an opportunity of reducing antisocial behaviour and criminal activity in the area by enhancing public use of the space and using modern design principles,” Mr Hampton said.

Mr Hampton said the CBD project would improve access and the environment for pedestrians and provide links to the major retail precincts.

“There will be better paving, more trees planted, improved street furniture and improved amenities.

“The Alice Springs Town Council will be managing the $5 million project.”

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