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Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said he was pleased to announce the popular Mindil Beach Coastal Walk is now reopened.

“The Department of Infrastructure worked together with the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT to undertake these upgrade works and as part of this constructed a new Mangrove Walkway Bridge,” Mr Styles said.

The new and improved bridge was required after weaknesses were located in the footings of the old bridge earlier this year.

Contractors commenced work in April, with the Department of Infrastructure establishing a new engineering design aimed at minimizing ongoing corrosion, as a result of environmental factors.

Mr Styles said the coastal walk was a beautiful part of Darwin and he was very pleased that the works had been completed.

“Many families use this walkway for a scenic ride or walk, and as Minister for Young Territorians, it’s great to see such areas being used to their full potential,” he said.

“The new design of the Mangrove Walkway Bridge should ensure this popular walkway can be used well into the future.”

The Department of Infrastructure and the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT are committed to providing safe and up to date facilities across the Territory for everyone to enjoy.

The works completed at the Mindil Beach Coastal Walk included:

- Structural Remedial Works, such as replacing leg frames and improving the main bridge
- Replacing all decking and
- Replace handrails

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