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**Territory nicks the Vic’s gong**

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In major coup for the Territory, the Darwin City Centre Master Plan has taken out the gong in the large projects category at the Victorian Planning Institute of Australia’s Planning Excellence Awards on Friday night.

The Victorian Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy, presented the award to Design Urban who worked with the Northern Territory Government and the City of Darwin to develop the plan.

Territorians will now go on to have a crack at the national planning awards to be judged next year.

The much hyped *Plan Melbourne*, the Victorian Government’s own city plan, was the expected winner for this category.

Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment Peter Chandler said this was a major coup for the Territory.

“I’ve been in the Territory since 1985 and since then I’ve been telling Victorians we do things better up here, now there’s proof,” Mr Chandler said.

“This plan was an amazing effort, jointly funded by the Federal Government, the Territory Government and the City of Darwin with the planning work completed by Victorian-based consultants Design Urban.”

City of Darwin Lord Mayor Katina Fong Lim is thrilled to hear of the combined win and very proud of the City Centre Master Plan.

“It’s very pleasing to hear of the recognition our joint Darwin City Centre Master Plan has received,” the Lord Mayor said.

“This master plan imagines what our city could look like in 20 or 30 years, its roads, parks and future neighbourhoods, and then makes the case for how to get us there.”

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