More Jobs, Cooler City: Excavation begins on $19.4 million State Square Underground Car Park

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The Territory Labor Government’s $19.4 million State Square Underground Car Park has reached a major milestone, with excavation works beginning this week.

The rebuilding of State Square and the new underground car park is the first step into rejuvenating the city and making it a cooler and more public-friendly place and attraction.

This major revitalisation project which will create 60 direct jobs and support an additional 165 jobs during construction and is expected to take around 16 months to complete. Excavation works will last about 10 weeks.

Government’s CBD revitalisation projects will transform Darwin into a tropical, world-renowned destination, create jobs for Territorians, boost tourism and enhance its liveability.

The new underground car park will relocate four existing surface car parks underground to allow further development of the precinct, free up space to create more parklands and reduce the heat.

The facility will have space for 450 cars, including public parking. This is an increase of 150 car parking spaces from the previous above ground car parks. The facility will also have six Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and have a dual role as a cyclone shelter.

Quotes from Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Eva Lawler.

“Creating jobs is the Territory Labor Government’s top priority, and the underground car park — along with other CBD projects currently underway — will see more than 300 construction jobs for Territorians.

“This is great news for the construction industry, as well as for CBD retailers and shop owners.

“This project will help cool the city and create more parklands, green initiatives, walkways and improved amenities for Territorians and visitors to enjoy in the city.

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