Clearing on the site of the proposed $1 billion Darwin City Waterfront development continued today, with the demolition of the former sulphuric acid storage tanks, located close to Fort Hill Wharf.

Infrastructure Minister, Dr Chris Burns, said the Waterfront development would drive economic growth in the NT.

“This glittering development will create hundreds of jobs and be an important addition to our great Territory lifestyle,” he said.

“The Shell Bitumen tanks were removed some weeks ago. Today’s demolition is a further step towards achieving the Government’s aim of transforming a former industrial site into a vibrant precinct which will become the pride of Territorians and tourists alike.”

Dr Burns said that when you see the draft master plan - proposed by the Darwin Cove Consortium - and look at the now cleared site, it’s exciting to think that in just over 2 years time there will be a 1500 seat Convention Centre, public spaces, a safe all-year round swimming area and a variety of new cafes and restaurants.

“The NT Government is encouraging Territorians to visit the Waterfront Display Office in Smith Street Mall to see the model of the proposed development which is based on the draft masterplan,” he said.

“People can also go to the website to see images of the development and get information on the Darwin Cove Consortium’s proposed Masterplan.”

The website is: www.waterfront.nt.gov.au

The Display Office is located in the Paspaley Office, Smith St Mall (opposite the Westpac Bank) and is open Monday-Friday from 10am to 4pm, and on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

For further comment about today’s clearing call Coogee Chemicals’ David Bowden in Perth (08 9439 8237) or Dario Moreschi on site (ph: 0413 056251).