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Urban landscape renewal project for Bagot Community

Darwin’s Bagot community and surrounding Ludmilla residents will soon benefit from an overdue urban landscape renewal project involving roadside landscaping and new fencing, to provide residents with improved privacy and security.

The new plans revealed today follow on from the Labor Government’s urban renewal commitments announced last year.

"Bagot is Darwin’s largest indigenous community, and is an important part of our city life," Mr Vatskalis said.

"There are more than 300 residents within Bagot. Constant traffic noise from Bagot Road, not to mention the invasions of privacy and security from people wandering into their community have been ongoing issues.

"This project is part of the ongoing urban landscape enhancement projects taking place around Darwin and the northern suburbs.

"This area is also the main arterial route to and from Darwin International Airport, and an urban renewal projects have already been completed directly across the road along the RAAF Base boundary, McMillans Road and the Stuart Highway."

Mr Vatskalis said the first stage of the $460,000 project is about to start and will involve the construction of a new fence across the front of Bagot community, a new entrance and associated landscaping.

Additional new fencing will also be installed around most of the remaining boundary of Bagot community to improve security and prevent vehicular access.

The Member for Millner, Matthew Bonson, said Ludmilla residents living around Bagot community welcomed the project.

"This is a further investment in our community, particularly for the surrounding suburbs of Ludmilla and The Narrows," Mr Bonson said.

"This really is a much-needed and overdue project. The people of Bagot deserve the same security and privacy offered in other Darwin suburbs, with a few simple measures such as proper fencing and landscaping.

"Importantly, Bagot community members will have the chance to become involved and take ownership of this project, with a working group established to carry out fencing, landscaping and irrigation works, as well as long-term project maintenance."

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