The Martin Government has allocated $2 million in Budget 2007/08 for further urban enhancement projects around the Territory.

Minister for Planning and Lands, Delia Lawrie, said the funding continues the extensive work already completed under the Urban Enhancement Program.

“To date, the Martin Government has spent about $18 million on more than 140 urban enhancement projects around the Territory,” said Ms Lawrie.

“This year’s funding will see further works completed, promoting a sense of pride in our communities and encouraging people to get outdoors and experience our great lifestyle.”

The funding includes $150,000 for urban enhancement at Karama Shopping Centre.

“Beautification works will be carried out at the shopping centre, paving and landscaping, to beautify the environs and it will help to make sure disability standards are adequately met,” said Ms Lawrie.

“I will be pleased to watch these improvements unfold at the shopping centre and see continued improvement of what is essentially the hub of our Karama community.”

Ms Lawrie said some of the Urban Enhancement Projects for 2007/08 include –

- $250k each for continued beautification of the main streets in Katherine and Tennant Creek;
- $200k for lighting of laneways in parks in the Casuarina and Karama areas;
- Additional $100k for the construction of a bike path at Girraween School. This path will provide safer riding conditions for students riding to and from school during the wet season;
- $100k for beautification of the area surrounding the old railway carriage at Adelaide River;
- $200k for the construction of the Nightcliff Foreshore Exercise Station and the erection of historical markers;
- $50k for shade, playground equipment and water fountains in various parks in Alice Springs;
- Additional $60k for shade over the new playground area at the old Arafura Bowls Club site.

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