The much awaited wave lagoon is another step closer with the start of excavation works at the Waterfront site.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the wave lagoon will be a central feature at the Waterfront.

“Soon this site will be full of boys and girls on boogie boards – a great day out for the whole family,” Ms Martin said.

“The wave lagoon and adjacent toddler wading area will cover an area of more than 4000 square metres – the size of five Olympic swimming pools.

“It’ll be located in the public domain adjacent to other public facilities such as seating, shade structures, parks and picnic areas.

“The wave lagoon is something we are all eagerly looking forward to, and there’ll be something for the whole family.

“There’ll be a range of different wave types – and a shallow zone adjacent to the main lagoon for toddlers.

“Macmahon NT will excavate 15,000 cubic metres of soil to create the wave lagoon – with the soil to be used as fill for the final stages of the sea wall.

“Macmahon will source more than 3,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete from local NT suppliers, adding to the $40 million in contracts which have already gone to locals.

“More than 550 workers have been inducted to work at the site - 96 per cent are locals.”

The wave lagoon will open in mid 2008.

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