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Green office space for Darwin CBD to double in size

A proposed green office space flagged for Darwin CBD will be doubled in size and built to meet

5 star National Australian Built Environment Rating System rating under new tender guidelines
to be released by the Territory Government.

Minister for Business and Employment, Rob Knight said the project would go back out to tender
after the tender process for the original project guidelines determined the project space could be
increased in size more cost effectively.

“This is an opportunity to build a $40 million state-of-the-art green office space for Darwin that
will provide sustainable growth for the Territory,” Minister Knight said.

“The new scope for the project will see the building increase from housing 240 existing
government employees to more than 550 in a new state-of-the-art green building.

“Under the new tender the office will be increased from 4000 square metres to 9000 square
metres and will be required to meet a 5 star energy efficiency rating under the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS).

"With further investment from the private sector, the space can be expanded to include a combination of office, retail, residential and even hotel space – with this extra private sector investment the potential investment value could increase to in excess of $100 million.

"Many buildings in Darwin have just a 2.5 star rating under the NABERS guidelines – building a 5 star NABERS building will reduce energy use in half, and produce half the greenhouse gasses.

"We’re capitalising on the capacity for the market to build the green office space more than twice as big for a cost effective amount – ensuring we get the best bang for buck for the taxpayer.

"The project is estimated to support more than 100 jobs during construction and create further job opportunities in its ongoing operation with associated retail and building services jobs."

The tender for the new project guidelines will be released next month.

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