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OLD FORT HILL WHARF DEMOLISHED AS WORK RAMPS UP ON $1.1B WATERFRONT AND CONVENTION CENTRE

Two significant contracts have been awarded to Territory businesses as part of the $1.1 billion Darwin Waterfront and Convention Centre Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said today.

Ms Martin inspected demolition work being carried out on Old Fort Hill Wharf today by Territory company, Steelcon Constructions, who have been awarded the $939,000 contract.

“This demolition work is being undertaken to allow for the eventual construction of the Waterfront's $41.8 million for marina infrastructure, including the seawall,” she said.

“My Government is backing local business to grow so we remain Australia's fastest growing economy - the exciting Darwin Waterfront and Convention Centre project will create jobs, new business and help keep the Territory moving ahead.”

The demolition will create at least 10 jobs and will take 8-10 weeks to complete.

Ms Martin said that the demolition of the derelict Wharf will have an added advantage of enabling better access to Fort Hill Wharf.

The Territory Government has also awarded a $322,000 contract to Trans Australian Constructions for the demolition of a boom shed.

Demolition work will begin in approximately 3-weeks time and take 6 weeks to complete.

“The Waterfront is an exciting project that will create over 1,000 jobs during construction and will continue drive economic growth by bringing tens of thousands of visitors to town through the Convention Centre,” she said.

The Waterfront development will include three main elements and will be staged over 15 years.

It will include a 1500-seat Convention centre and 4000sq metres of exhibition space, community facilities including seawall, wave pool, swimming areas, public promenade, parklands and picnic areas, commercial developments, including a Medina hotel, harbour side cafes and restaurants and a staged residential area.

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