Design improvements to community infrastructure and water recreation facilities at the $1.1 billion Darwin City Waterfront have been approved by the Development Consent Authority, Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns said.

“This paves the way for detailed design development and construction,” Dr Burns said.

“Work on constructing the pad for the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre is well under way.

“The DCA has now approved a change to the orientation of the wave pool. This will ensure that views for pool users and the general public are improved.”

Dr Burns said that with the water recreation areas moving from concept phase into design development, opportunities to improve the overall design were recognised.

“The change in the orientation of the wave pool will also ensure that play areas are located next to other public facilities, such as seating, shade structures, parks and picnic areas,” Dr Burns said.

“The public spaces at the Waterfront will have something for everyone.”

The wave pool will be located in the heart of the Waterfront development site. It will cover an area of 3000 square metres and will provide five wave types of up to 1.2 metres, offering a wide range of experiences for boogie board riders as well as safe swimming areas for families.

Construction of the wave pool will commence in mid 2006 and will be complete in 2007.

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