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# Northern Territory Art Gallery set to showcase MAGNT's rich collections

Sitzler has won the construction tender to build the Northern Territory Art Gallery which will feature a breadth of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's collections, as part of the Darwin Civic and State Square Masterplan, included in the Darwin City Deal.

The Northern Territory Art Gallery (NTAG) is envisioned as an architectural centrepiece in its own right. Situated in the heart of Darwin on Larrakia Country, the iconic art gallery is set to elevate Darwin's prominence as both an unforgettable tourism destination and a place for Territory locals.

"This tender award is a significant step towards realising this monumental cultural landmark, which will provide a rich and all-encompassing cultural experience for all Territorians for generations to come.

"The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is excited to have a home to display the Territory's significant art collection and is grateful for the support of the NT Government who understand the important intersection of art and culture within our communities." – Adam Worrall, MAGNT Director

The NTAG is part of the Civic and State Square Precinct project and will amplify opportunities for community participation in a breadth of arts programs, special events, festivals and other public programs.

The NTAG will draw extensively on MAGNT's vast collections featuring inspiring art and material culture across central and northern Australia, Southeast Asia and Oceania.

Last year, award-winning multidisciplinary team, Ashford Architects, Clare Design and Hully Liveris were awarded the Northern Territory Art Gallery project to undertake the design and documentation work in the State Square Precinct located in Darwin's CBD.

For more information, go to the <u>Northern Territory Government website</u>. View the <u>fly-through</u> <Ends>





### **Available to Interview**

Adam Worrall, MAGNT Director

## **Media Enquiries**

For all media enquiries regarding the MAGNT's collections and what will feature in the NT Art Gallery, please contact Rebecca Campart rebecca.campart@magnt.net.au 0457495 149

#### **About the Darwin City Deal**

The Northern Territory Art Gallery is part of the Civic and State Square Masterplan, included in the Darwin City Deal, a ten year agreement between the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and the City of Darwin.

#### **About MAGNT**

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is the Northern Territory's premier cultural and scientific organisation. Our principal venue since 1981 is on Larrakia Land at Bullocky Point in Darwin, home to internationally renowned cultural and scientific collections and research and exhibition programs. MAGNT houses a significant collection of Aboriginal Art and Material Culture with works by artists of national and international significance. MAGNT also operates the historic Fannie Bay Gaol in Darwin, the Museum of Central Australia incorporating the Strehlow Research Centre in Alice Springs, Megafauna Central and the Alcoota Fossil Bed site north east of Alice Springs. MAGNT also manages the historic Lyons Cottage on Darwin's Esplanade and the Defence of Darwin Experience at East Point in Darwin. MAGNT attracts over 300,000 visitors annually to our sites.