



Media Release

Robyn Lambley
Minister for Health

Investing in more improvements for Royal Darwin Hospital car parking

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Minister for Health Robyn Lambley has announced a range of new measures to improve parking at Royal Darwin Hospital including more parking spaces and a simpler system for all.

“I am pleased to announce that we will soon see an additional 100 car parks, as well as a boom gate for Car Park 1 and a range of other improvements to enhance parking at RDH,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Under the former Labor Government there were just over 1000 car parks provided for a major Tertiary hospital and in just two years we have seen that number grow to 1520.

“We are installing a boom gate system in Car Park 1 that will allow people to pay when leaving, similar to the system used at the Darwin Airport.

“Car Park 1 holds 137 parking bays, and construction on the boom gate will start in the coming week for it to be in place by early next year.

“From today, a free parking area will also be introduced at Car Park 5, which holds 139 parking bays.

“Royal Darwin Hospital is also building two new car parks.

“The first new car park will be built near the helipad and will contain 40 parking bays, and the second will see an expansion of Car Park 2 holding 60 extra spaces close to the hospital entrance.

“Car Park 4 will be dedicated for staff who work afternoon or night shifts, to ensure they have easy and safe access to their vehicles at night.

“Tenders for the construction of the car parks will soon be released with works to be finished by early next year.

“To add to this, two traffic control officers are also being employed to direct people to available parks.

“Additional signage around the campus will further help with parking information, as will a TV in the hospital foyer which will show parking information continuously.

“We are introducing easier instructions to operate the machines in all part of the campus, and will review this to see if it assists visitors.

“Covered walkways will also be installed in time for the Wet Season near the Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre.

“To improve safety there will be twenty additional lights, while 14 new CCTV cameras will monitor security.

These new improvements are on top of a range of measures already introduced to improve the parking experience at RDH, including:

- the introduction of a parking liaison officer
- 2 new parking machines inside the hospital
- brochures for staff and visitors
- additional fencing on the western side of the campus

“The Royal Darwin Hospital car parks are now bigger, brighter and safer than they were under the 11 years of the former Labor Government,” Mrs Lambley said.

“Hospital staff and visitors called for better access to car parking under Labor – and this Government has listened to Territorians to ensure we meet our workplace health and safety obligations.

“The Opposition has been crowing about the former Government’s RDH parking master plan, which they claim planned for a multi-storey car park.

“What the Opposition is not revealing is that they sat on this so-called master plan for more than two years and did nothing about it.

“They prepared this report in 2010 and then completely ignored parking issues raised by Territorians that were highlighted in the report.

“If they had been serious about improving parking for Territorians, they would have acted on this.

“The Territory Government will continue to explore ways to improve car parking, and invest in upgrades to ensure that the public and staff receive an improved service.”

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