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CONVENTION CENTRE TAKES SHAPE

The Darwin Convention Centre is starting to take shape with the building's steel framework being lifted into place.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said this is a significant step for the project.

“We’re starting to see what the convention centre will look like – 1100 tonnes of steel forming the skeleton of the open oyster-shell shaped building,” Ms Martin said.

“The frames have been manufactured by local company, M&J Welding - the steel for the frames was supplied locally through a sub-contract to One Steel.

“The Government insisted on an 85 per cent local content target in contracts for the Waterfront project and that is being exceeded.

“Work will start in the administrative areas and will continue for the next few months.

“When finished the building will be the equivalent of 6 storeys high – have a footprint of 9,600 square metres – and an overall floor space of more than 22,000 square metres.

“Work on the rest of the Waterfront site is progressing well - the sea wall is nearly complete and the excavations on the wave lagoon are well underway.

“Stage One of the Waterfront Project will open in 2008 and is expected to provide a \$190 million boost for tourism over the next 20 years.”

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