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Water Tower set for Indigenous Art Makeover

The disused water tower located at the entry to the Mercure Hotel is set for a makeover.

The 41 metre structure will be painted with Larrakia dreamtime stories by prominent Indigenous artist Tony Lee, and is set to become the tallest Indigenous artwork in Australia.

Multiple dreamtime stories will be captured on the water tower and together with extensive lighting and audio, create a landmark of cultural significance and tourist appeal.

Painting of the water tower is expected to take just two weeks.

Airport Development Group CEO, Tony Edmondstone said he was excited to see the water tower receiving a makeover.

"The redevelopment of the two hotels touches every amenity – from the pool areas and rooms, to the gardens and cafes. We are refining each element of the resort, and this includes the water tower."

"Our plan is to honour the local Indigenous people, the Larrakia, by painting the water tower with their stories."

"To this end we have been working closely with Larrakia artists and Larrakia Nation to ensure the end result is a joint vision."

"This is a true collaboration and we believe it will quickly become a significant tourist attraction."

Stories captured on the tower will follow the design of Larrakia artist Tony Lee, with lighting and audio to be added at a later date.

"The Water Tower is set to become a tourist landmark and a tribute to the local Larrakia people," concluded Mr Edmondstone.

About ADG

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Airport Development Group is investing in the Mercure and Novotel Hotels, adjacent to Darwin International Airport, to create a world class tropical resort.

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The existing Water Tower at the entrance to the Mercure Hotel