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# **Landmark day for Alice Springs**

### Friday, 28 October 2022

Alice Springs Town Council welcomes the Australian Federal Government's decision to support Alice Springs residents by backing in the Central Australia Plan.

The Federal Government has committed a total of \$120million to Alice Springs in the 2022-23 Federal Budget, aimed at addressing social issues, infrastructure, safety, economic development and prosperity in the region.

"It's fantastic to see the Federal Government back Alice Springs residents and deliver on key election commitments," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"Council began work on a collaborative plan for Alice Springs in late 2021, detailing how all levels of government can work together to ensure the best future for our town.

"This is a landmark announcement for Alice Springs and it's something that will help our town prosper for generations to come."

#### Funding commitments include:

- \$80million for the development and construction of a National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs.
- \$20million for upgrades in infrastructure at the Gap Youth Centre
- \$20 million for the creation of a CBD Masterplan and redevelopment of the CBD.

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"With the support of the ASTC, myself and the Labor party had a vision for Central Australia that we brought to the Federal election earlier this year. The people of Lingiari voted for it and now we are delivering \$120 million to the region in the first Albanese Labor budget," Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour said.

"The Central Australia Plan will invigorate Alice Springs by funding key projects identified by the ASTC and the NT Government that will address social and economic issues in the town and provide a desperately needed boost.

"This is very exciting for Central Australia and I look forward to the positive impacts that the \$120 million Central Australian Plan will have on the region."

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