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Darwin International Airport wins 2008 Melaleuca Award

Northern Territory Airports' CEO Ian Kew today welcomed the news of Darwin International Airport's (in conjunction with Greening Australia) win in the Commercial/Industry category of the 2008 Power and Water Melaleuca Awards.

Power and Water's Melaleuca Awards were developed in 2003 to recognise outstanding achievement in environmental excellence in the Northern Territory.

The project submitted for consideration by the airport was the "Darwin International Airport (DIA) and Greening Australia Conservation Reserve".

A long-standing relationship between DIA and Greening Australia has led to a partnership to implement a Conservation Reserve on airport land. The project implements strategies from a range of planning documents that used scientific and environmental information and extensive community consultation to establish environmental outcomes for the Rapid Creek catchment. The Conservation Reserve covers fifteen hectares and includes an important wildlife corridor joining an area of existing bushland with the Rapid Creek corridor.

The extra trees and shrubs planted in the bushland will improve its condition and the thousands of native trees and shrubs planted in the corridor will gradually recreate habitat for wildlife. Ongoing revegetation, weed control and fire management over three years will see the project through to fruition.

Ian Kew
Chief Executive, Northern Territory Airports

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