



## The Esplanade is the most important public open space in Darwin.

It is a large green parkland laid out and established by George Goyder's team of first surveyors in Darwin (Palmerston) in 1869. Its boundaries run northeast at the main front, turning southwest on the second shorter arm.

Esplanades are a prized feature of many well-established cities worldwide.

The area of it is broadly defined as covering the seaside of each boundary arm, which has the name The Esplanade. A generally inclusive dictionary definition is:

'a long, open, level area, typically beside the sea, along which people may walk for pleasure.'

They are set aside from building development. We are most fortunate one, and now there is a serious need to protect it.

On the long side of our Esplanade, planning has led mostly to hotels overlooking the green sward of the Esplanade to the blue sea views beyond. The inviting green area is favoured for locals and visitors walking, children playing, wedding photographs and annual open day events.

The short side of the Esplanade on the escarpment is covered by the green of recently planned native trees. These two arms frame a picture of Darwin as visitors arrive in cruise ships. The newly developed waterfront is below.

It is an international rule that there be no buildings on Esplanades.

A survey has shown that Darwin people would not tolerate building in front of the green escarpment.

In 1921, by Commonwealth Government Gazette, the Governor General of Australia Proclaimed that the Public Esplanade in Darwin is for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the people in Darwin.



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