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CANBERRA IN SPOTLIGHT AT NATIONAL TOURISM AWARDS

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr today announced the 2007-08 Budget contained \$50,000 for the ACT to host the 2007 Australian Tourism Awards, in February 2008.

Mr Barr said the awards would attract up to 1,500 people and provide valuable exposure for the ACT.

"The Australian Tourism Awards recognise and promote excellence in tourism and are the pinnacle of achievement for the tourism industry in Australia," Mr Barr said.

"It's very exciting that tourism's night of nights will be held in Canberra in February 2008. It will be a great opportunity to showcase the city and region before a national audience and will highlight the city's capacity for hosting large events.

"It will also be a fantastic opportunity to share the wealth of great tourism experiences we have in Canberra, as home to many of the nation's leading tourism operators."