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### **IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY CENTRE**

The 2007-08 ACT Budget has allocated \$750,000 to improve infrastructure in Canberra's City Centre, Minister for Territory and Municipal Services John Hargreaves announced today.

"\$500,000 will be spent to upgrade the Knowles Place South laneway that lies between the ACT Legislative Assembly and the Canberra Theatre Centre," he said.

"This area is used as a thoroughfare by Canberrans and visitors to the city who wish to access the theatre from nearby car parks.

"The redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre and the new Civic Library has seen an increase in the number of people using this area. This funding will ensure that this area is of a standard consistent with the rest of the precinct and create an approach to the theatre that creates a greater sense of occasion.

Mr Hargreaves said the ACT Government will also provide \$250,000 to investigate the design of a connection of Edinburgh Avenue to Vernon Circle.

"The project will look at what changes are required to Vernon Circle to accommodate this connection and the impact this may have on the Griffin Legacy.

"The output from this design will be an important consideration for the development of the car park to the south of the court and police complex on London Circuit," said Mr Hargreaves.

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