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Araluen Solar Air-Conditioning Project

Tenders for the Araluen Arts Centre Solar Air-conditioning Project have been assessed and declined.

Araluen Arts Centre Director Tim Rollason said tenders were called earlier this year with the Northern Territory Government and Commonwealth Government planning to jointly fund the project.

“The tender validity period expires tomorrow and unfortunately the project is so costly that it just doesn’t represent value for money in the current format,” Mr Rollason said.

“We can’t discuss the value of tenders that were received due to commercial confidentiality however they were almost double the cost we had anticipated.

“We will continue to look at alternative energy options in order to increase energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint.

“The local community has long-standing links to the Araluen Arts Centre and we thank them for all their valuable feedback.

“We also thank the members of the Community Reference Group for the Araluen Arts Centre Solar Air-Conditioning Project for their time and efforts on the project.

“The current air-conditioning system needs replacing and this will continue to be a priority for the Araluen Arts Centre.”

The *draft Araluen Cultural Precinct Development Plan* will now be revised with the final plan expected to be completed in the next few months.

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Media Note – for more information / interviews contact Tim Rollason on 8951 1126

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