Working Future: $14 Million for Central Arnhem Road

The Territory Government will continue to improve Territory roads with $14 million to be delivered in Budget 2010 for the Central Arnhem Road.

Transport Minister, Gerry McCarthy, and Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, said the funding was targeted at providing flood immunity during the wet season.

“This is a major investment by the Henderson Government in improving access between remote communities for around 3000 people in the region,” Malarndirri McCarthy said.

“Getting to and from regional and remote areas has been identified as a key issue for Territorians living in remote communities which is why this Government continues to invest in our roads to open up the Territory.

“Transport is also important for remote Territorians to have improved access to health, education and economic opportunities.

“Budget 2010 invests in Working Future, funding better services and supporting economic development of Indigenous Territorians.

“The Territory Government together with the Federal Government, will contribute $14 million towards upgrading the Central Arnhem Road.”

Transport Minister Gerry McCarthy said the work on a bridge over the Mainoru River will begin this dry season.

“This project will create and support jobs and make a significant contribution to Territorians living east of Darwin,” Gerry McCarthy said.

“This is part of the Community, Beef and Mining roads program. The Territory Government will continue to work with the Federal Government to improve transport in our regional and remote communities.

“This project will help to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage and will open up the Territory for greater economic investment and efficiency and that means more jobs in our pastoral, mining and tourism sectors.”

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