Tenders Called For Tom Turners Creek Crossing Upgrade

The Territory Government’s multi-million dollar investment to improving access to roads in the Daly River region during floods is on track with tenders called today to upgrade Tom Turners Creek Crossing.

Member for Daly Rob Knight said the upgrade is due for completion before the next wet season and is part of a $23 million community, beef and mining roads package for the Daly River region jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory governments.

“The Daly River region is home to about 4000 Territorians who deserve better roads access and that’s why this Government is delivering this vital project,” Mr Knight said.

“Many people who live in the region are major contributors to the Territory’s growing economy through the agricultural, tourism, oil and gas industries and this $23 million package of upgrades will support jobs in these industries and in the construction industry.

“Other benefits include improved safety, reduced transport operation costs and a reduction in the frequency and length of periodic road closures that isolate Indigenous communities.

“Once tenders have been awarded to upgrade Tom Turner Creek Crossing it is expected work will be completed within 12 weeks, subject to early wet season storms, which will be a great outcome for the people in the region.

“This package of upgrades is a significant investment that will provide all year round access to Wadeye and other communities along Port Keats Road, even in extreme floods.”

The $23 million package includes:

- Upgrade Port Keats Road
- Upgrade Tom Turners Creek Crossing
- Construct a new bridge at Daly River, 220km south of Darwin

“This Government has a strong record of delivering infrastructure projects in our towns and regions and I’m pleased to see the Daly getting its fair share,” Mr Knight said.

“I thank the Daly community for their patience as plans have been put in place to deliver the upgrades and I look forward to updating the community as this important project progresses.“

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