Keeping Staff Close To Home

The Minister for essential services, Rob Knight, joined Power and Water staff and trainees today in welcoming the establishment of a training centre at the 19 Mile Depot.

“The establishment of this training facility means Power and Water apprentices will no longer need to travel interstate away from their homes, friends and families several times a year for training,” Mr Knight said.

“This will also provide significant savings for Power and Water.

“The training centre will initially cater for the Networks apprentices, specifically lineworker and electrical apprentices.

“It will eventually expand to cater for Generation and Water Services apprentices and provide training facilities for Essential Service Operators, who look after power and water infrastructure in remote communities.

The training facility contains 20 full size power poles for apprentices to learn how to work on a range of areas, including:

- Overhead powerlines
- Buried testing cables so apprentices can learn how to work on underground powerlines
- High voltage testing equipment to teach apprentices how to work with high voltage operations.

“While trainers will initially have to travel to Darwin from interstate to conduct the relevant training, in the near future Power and Water will employ its own accredited trainers to facilitate courses.”

The establishment of the training centre was project managed by Trevor Allwright, Power and Water’s apprentice coordinator.

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