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Boost for Essential Services in the Bush

Minister for Essential Services Rob Knight today announced water supply in three remote communities will receive a $7 million boost in the 2012 Territory Budget.

Minister Knight said capital works programs to ensure a secure water supply in the Territory Growth Towns of Maningrida, Lajamanu and Ntaria will be undertaken in the next financial year.

“Budget 2012 invests in a working future through infrastructure in the bush to build the future for indigenous Territorians,” Mr Knight said.

The works involve the commissioning of production bores and rising mains to meet the increased demand for water in the towns following the completion of new housing under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, and new infrastructure such as the Lajamanu Health Clinic.

Minister Knight said the new water infrastructure supports the Henderson Government’s Territory 2030 strategy by planning for increased population in designated Territory Growth Towns.

“This is fantastic news for the residents of these towns. The new infrastructure will ensure people have better access to water for health and hygiene,” Minister Knight said.

Power and Water is also encouraging more efficient use of water in the Territory Growth Towns to ensure the increased demand is met from both more secure supply infrastructure and a reduction in water usage for existing houses and facilities.

Specific programs are:

- Ntaria Water - $2.2M for bores and rising main.
- Maningrida Water - $1.8M for bores and rising main;
- Lajamanu Water - $3.0M for bores and rising main;

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