TENNANT CREEK POLICE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENS

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Central Australia, Robyn Lambley, has officially opened the new Tennant Creek Police Station.

The $3.7million facility is a far cry from the previous station, which had well and truly passed its use by date.

The new station will service an area approximately 240,000 square kilometres – about the size of Victoria – made up of 3500 residents in Tennant Creek and 2500 others in the greater Barkly.

“This new facility will optimise operational and administrative function in the station,” Mrs Lambley said.

“It is double the size of the old building and the use of space is more efficient. The people of the Barkly Region deserve this.

“It represents a substantial upgrade in resources for the 42 officers based here with the new front counter area in particular being a significant step up from what was previously in place.

“The facility has three new dedicated interview and statement rooms, a prosecutions office, staff change rooms, a sally port attached to the watch house and change rooms.

“The dedicated emergency operations centre will enhance the ability of officers to co-ordinate responses to emergency situations.

“I am told that morale at the station has improved since officers began working in the new building.

“The Territory Government will work with police and the community to develop laws that improve community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour and crime.”

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