Six Indigenous musicians including Reggae Dave have been brought together by Artback NT to produce a number of songs promoting road safety and driver education.

At the Browns Mart launch today, Member for Daly, Gary Higgins said the Road Safety All Stars Band would deliver road safety messages, songs and videos directly to communities in language.

“These musicians from different language groups across the Territory have written and recorded around 10 road safety songs in local language and dialect,” Mr Higgins said.

“These tunes will help raise awareness of what we can all do to be safer on our roads.

“Our government is committed to reducing injury and deaths on our roads and keeping our road toll down.

“Every death is one death too many and it’s always a tragedy – we want to keep raising awareness about road safety and this is a smart way to pass on this message.

“It’s a terrible and sobering fact that Indigenous Territorians are overrepresented in the Territory’s road toll and I hope the Road Safety All Stars will help make a difference through their music and education.”

Mr Higgins said the lyrics were focused and developed at a three day boot camp that allowed the musicians to deliver in-depth and accurate road safety messaging that was local and relevant.

“A music CD of songs and lyrics will now be developed and delivered to communities and hopefully start making a difference immediately,” Mr Higgins said.

The Road Safety All Stars are Stewart Guykamanu, Brendan Hicks, Jeffrey Tjangala Zimran, Ali Mills, Conrad Rory and Reggae Dave.

Mr Higgins said the Northern Territory Government would continue to support the Road Safety Indigenous All Stars Band by sponsoring them to attend a range of community arts and music festivals throughout the Territory such as Barunga.

“Our government is proud to sponsor the Road Safety Indigenous All Stars band and partner with Artback NT on this important initiative.”

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