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Improved roads for cyclone affected communities

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East Arnhem Regional Council will receive a $1.52 million infrastructure grant to seal major roads in Galiwin’ku, improve road safety and support economic development in the local community.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said strong progress was being made in the recovery of East Arnhem communities after the devastation of Cyclone Lam and Nathan earlier this year.

“The Northern Territory Government isn’t only focussing on rebuilding, we’re looking to partner with regional service providers to strengthen the affected communities whether that be improved infrastructure, better services or new economic projects,” he said.

“Roads in Galiwin’ku are in a poor condition, which the Council is addressing in part through a scheduled renewal program.

“Through this $1.52 million Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund grant, the Territory Government will support the Council to complete the formation and sealing of all major roads.

“The works are being scheduled for the dry season of 2016 and will provide employment opportunities for local people.”

East Arnhem Council will lay new seal for Burmala Road (Buthan Road), reconstruct Wakirana Street (School Road) and reseal Gakudu Street (Clinic Road), along with other key residential and commercial precinct roads.

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said the cyclone caused damage, not only to property but, to the social fabric of the East Arnhem community.

“Under this fund the Territory Government will continue to work with local and regional leaders to ensure the approach to rebuilding and community development is in line with community priorities,” Mr Chandler said.

“A key aim in the recovery and rebuilding approach is to build resilience in infrastructure to ensure communities are better equipped to deal with cyclones in the future.
“The road network upgrade complements extensive electricity network upgrades across the three most affected communities which will see the low voltage networks safer and more easily restored in future cyclone events.”

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