The Country Liberals Budget 2016 will deliver economic strength, access, and growth to the Darwin region.

Transport Minister Peter Chandler said “infrastructure is a high priority for the Northern Territory Government and roads, in particular, are of great importance to business, industry and the community in the Northern Territory.

“We all know that without reliable roads, efficient ports, good rail services and effective logistics infrastructure, we cannot sustain business activity, attract new investment, or expand our industries – all essential for growing the Territory’s economy.

A total of $589.6 million is being invested in 2016-17 to deliver transport infrastructure for Territorians.

This includes:

- $495.9 million in Capital Works, including minor new works of $10.7 million for roads and $9.4 million for transport assets;
- $10 million to continue the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund Grants;
- $81.5 million in repairs and maintenance; and
- $2.25 million for infrastructure related expenses to plan for the future transport needs of Territorians.

“The focus of this Government is to unlock the potential of the Northern Territory by developing and maintaining a road network that supports job creation and economic development and growth.”

The Country Liberals Government is pleased to announce the following Capital Works for Darwin in the 2016-17 Budget.

**Barneson Boulevard Link and Tiger Brennan Stage 3 - $10 million**

- This project will be a collaboration between all levels of government with City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government contributing $5 million each. The Coalition Government has also made an election commitment to provide a further $29.53 million for the project.
The scope of this project includes construction of a new Barneson Boulevard link from Tiger Brennan Drive to Cavenagh Street and the third and final stage of the Tiger Brennan Drive duplication.

The 2016-17 budget allows for $10 million for stage one of this important, new link.

This project builds on the $103 million investment made by the Northern Territory and Australian Governments in duplicating Tiger Brennan Drive.

**Dredging of Cullen Bay - $8 million**

- Budget 2016 provides new funding of $8 million of Northern Territory Government funding for the dredging of Cullen Bay.
- The dredging works will ensure the navigational channel is clear by removing current navigation hazards caused by siltation build up to allow all vessels entering Cullen Bay safe nautical entry.
- The Cullen Bay ferry service (currently operated by Sealink) provides an essential/economical method of transport for the residents of Mandorah to attend school/work in Darwin.

“These new initiatives are in addition to projects already underway including the complete duplication of Vanderlin Drive to McMillans Road and the completion of the current works on Tiger Brennan Drive.”

“Transport infrastructure is a key driver of economic development and has been specifically identified by the agricultural, resource, tourism and transport industries as requiring investment to improve industry performance and growth.

“Both Government and industry need to invest in improving our basic infrastructure to expand and maintain high standards for our road, port and rail networks.

“The Country Liberals Government recognises Transport access is an economic enabler. Increased Transport connectivity creates jobs, community, and prosperity for the Territory.

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