The Government has completed works to improve safety for users of Nightcliff’s boat ramp.

The existing rock wall, or groyne, which shelters the launching area from wave action, has been extended approximately 50 metres landwards to provide complete protection for the boat ramp.

Previously, there was a gap which allowed 70%-80% of tides to splash through on to the ramp, making boat launching and retrieval difficult.

Local company Ostojic Transport Pty Ltd was awarded the $134,805 contract earlier this month, and completed the work yesterday.

Infrastructure Minister Dr Chris Burns said the Martin Government placed a priority on improving facilities for recreational fishermen.

“We are committed to spending $2 million over the next four years on recreational fishing infrastructure, as well as building a new boat ramp at Hudson Creek in Darwin Harbour,” Dr Burns said.

Dr Burns said work has started on raising the level of the boat ramp at Mandorah, which has been plagued by silting problems. The $97,280 contract has been awarded to B&J Easy Grader Hire.

Meanwhile, at Borroloola, work has begun on upgrading the ramp at Rocky Creek, including improvements to access. At Mule Creek near Bing Bong, construction of a new boat ramp is about to start.

The Northern Territory Government maintains 24 boat ramps located across the Territory, as well as platforms, wharves, jetties and artificial reefs that support recreational fishing.

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