$1M Upgrade to Nitmiluk

The Northern Territory Government is spending one million dollars upgrading infrastructure at one of the Territory’s most popular tourist destinations, Nitmiluk National Park.

Parks and Wildlife Minister, Delia Lawrie visited Nitmiluk today and announced a new pedestrian crossover will be built between the first and second gorge.

“Over 230 000 tourists visit Nitmiluk each year – it’s easy to understand why, it’s a magnificent park and upgrading the crossover will provide easier access allowing more visitors to see more of the park,” said Ms Lawrie.

While at the park Ms Lawrie inspected the work which has already begun with construction preparation and resealing of the pathway.

“The new, improved crossover has been designed to blend with the natural environment.”

“Local sand is being used wherever possible and the concrete will be matched to the natural colour and contour of the rock formation in the gorge. “

The pathway will also include a platform at the Jawoyn rock art site which will allow 60 people at a time to safely look at the art.

“This project continues the successful partnership between the Territory Government and the Traditional Owners of Nitmiluk,” said Ms Lawrie.

The upgrade will also comply with recommendations made by the Coroner to improve the safety of the crossover following the tragic death of a tourist in 2004.
“It’s necessary to build the pathway to a high standard, not only to meet the Coroner’s recommendations but also to withstand the force of the water at the crossover during the wet.”

It’s hoped the work will be completed before the wet season.

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