$1.25m Rainforest Walking Track To Be Built At Fogg Dam

The construction of a new $1.25m rainforest walking track at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve will enhance the visitor experience, Parks and Wildlife Minister Alison Anderson said today.

“The Wulna people speak for the land in Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve and play an important role as joint management partners with Parks and Wildlife,” Ms Anderson said.

“The scenery at Fogg Dam is impressive throughout the year and the $1.25m invested into the new rainforest walk means visitors will again be able to enjoy everything the popular conservation reserve has to offer.

“I congratulate local company G&S Magoulas for winning this tender to build the 1.1km of rainforest boardwalks that will be made of aluminium supports and recycled plastic decking that will last a very long time with little maintenance in our harsh environment.

“Once complete, the 5km walk will wind through a variety of habitats, including monsoon and paperbark forests, and then onto the floodplain.”

The Reserve is part of the Adelaide River catchment, which is one of several connected catchments that make up the Top End wetlands.

Fogg Dam is a remnant of early attempts to produce rice on the Adelaide River plains that today provides an important refuge for wildlife and protects Aboriginal and European cultural sites.

“These wetlands have international significance because of their beauty, natural systems and importance to Aboriginal people,” Ms Anderson said.

“G&S Magoulas also constructed the impressive 147m long boardwalk at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens which is proving a hit among visitors and I look forward to this successful Territory company completing this new $1.25m rainforest walk at Fogg Dam.”

The new rainforest walking track is expected to be built by the end of 2008.

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