$12 Million Stimulus Boost Rolls Out For Roads

Twelve million dollars in extra roads projects are set to flow through the Territory economy as part of the Rudd Government’s $42 billion stimulus package.

Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie today said 23 projects are being fast-tracked across the Territory to deliver extra road works on our national highways.

“An extra $12 million will be spent on the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria highways for significant upgrades with resealing, re-gravelling, drainage works and shoulder re-constructions,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This extra roads package will flow across the Territory and support Territory jobs.”

The $12 million stimulus package – not including project costs - delivers:

- $1.4 million for projects on the Stuart Highway in Darwin
- $3.72 for the Stuart and Victoria highways in the Katherine region
- $3.99 million for the Stuart and Barkly Highways in the Tennant Creek region
- $1.42 million for projects on the Stuart Highway in the Alice Springs region

“Tenders for 23 projects will roll out within the next few weeks under this package with the first road works expected to commence soon, meeting our commitment to cut red-tape and fast-track stimulus roads spending,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The $12 million stimulus boost to our roads comes on top of the Henderson Government’s record $271 million roads budget with $71 million dedicated to road repairs and maintenance.

“The extra $12 million roads spend is a significant boost for our roads network and a boost to local jobs that the CLP Opposition rejected when it voted against the Federal Stimulus package.

“The Rudd Government’s $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan will benefit thousands of Territory families –through direct payments to stimulate spending, the creation of jobs and extra infrastructure.”

The Federal Stimulus Package delivers around $500 million to the Territory through direct payments to individuals, tax breaks to business, more defence housing, and includes more than $200 million for schools, housing and roads infrastructure.

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