Almost $14 million worth of work is set to be undertaken at the Lovegrove zone substation in Alice Springs.

Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton said the upgrade of the zone substation would also see the construction of a new switchyard to meet the growing power demands of Central Australia.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to providing Territorians with the best power and water services for our growing population and demand,” Mr Hampton said.

“The $13.86 million tender has been awarded to Sitzler Bros, with the company announcing that works will be undertaken principally by local based labour and resources.”

Work will include the construction of a 66kv transmission system to support the development of the new power station at Owen Springs, resulting in lower transmission losses.

The zone substation will then be upgraded to accept the new transmission and two new transformers will lower the voltage so power can be distributed to homes and businesses.

Mr Hampton said there will be provision for a third transformer, which will allow Power and Water to increase the network capacity to meet the future growth needs of Alice Springs.

“More than $1 billion is being invested into Power and Water over the next five-years on capital works and repair and maintenance programs; this upgrade is part of that program.

“A new power station is being constructed in Alice Springs to meet increased future electricity demand.

The zone substation and switchyard will be equipped with the latest technology.

Works will be undertaken over the next 18 months.

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