Boosting Power And Water Services In Palmerston

The civil construction phase is complete at a new $26 million Substation in Palmerston to meet the growing power demands of one of the Territory’s fastest growing areas.

Minister for Essential Services Rob Knight today inspected the final touches being made to the Archer Zone Substation.

“The Territory Government is meeting the growing power, water and sewerage needs in Palmerston,” Mr Knight said.

“The finalisation of the civil construction phase at the substation means that electrical work can now begin. Once complete the new substation will provide increased capacity to the Palmerston region and improved flexibility for dealing with outages.

“There are more than 3700 residential blocks set to come on line in the next five years and this substation will service that demand for electricity.

“It will provide increased capacity as a result of load growth from new developments, including new residential subdivisions, the expansion of the Palmerston Shopping Centre and new office space and apartments in the CBD.

“Electrical works will begin next month before a 66Kv transmission line from the new substation to the Hudson Creek Substation is constructed to increase security of supply from Weddell Power Station to the greater Darwin region.”

The Palmerston region is also getting a boost to water services with the $9.5 million Palmerston transmission water main now complete.

Mr Knight said the 4.2 kilometre transmission water main extends from Howard Springs Road to Temple Terrace, then along Temple Terrace from the Stuart Highway to Roystonia Avenue.
“The water main will meet the region’s increasing demand for water services and a new water tower will also be constructed with work scheduled to begin early next year.”

More than $1.4 billion is being invested into Power and Water over five years to deliver capital works and repair and maintenance programs; the substation and transmission water main form part of that funding.

The substation is due for completion late next year and will be equipped with the latest technology. More than 90% of work and equipment will be awarded to local contractors or through local suppliers.

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