$1M Upgrade To Marrara Cyclone Shelter

The Marrara Indoor Sporting Stadium cyclone shelter will undergo a $1 million upgrade this year.

Acting Construction Minister Karl Hampton said the work would be undertaken between April and July when the sporting calendar at the stadium is at its quietest.

“We have planned well in advance to minimise disruptions to sporting events at the indoor stadium,” said Mr Hampton.

“The Marrara Indoor Complex plays an important role within the community, providing a fantastic facility for badminton, basketball, gymnastics, indoor hockey, netball, volleyball and community events.

“The stadium also provides a secure emergency cyclone shelter for people living in the surrounding suburbs and it’s important the stadium provides the highest possible level of shelter for Territorians.

“Everyone who uses the stadium for sporting events has been advised of the work which will be carried out, allowing sporting groups to re-schedule their events where necessary.

“I congratulate local Darwin company Ribshire Pty Ltd for being awarded the $1,055,888 tender to provide added protection against debris penetration in a cyclone.

“The work undertaken will include installation of impact resistant shielding throughout the stadium, reinforcement of the roof and additional protection to all glassed areas.

“This is a great local project which will employ up to 30 Territorians including suppliers and subcontractors.

“Marrara Indoor Sporting Stadium was built in 1983 and has since been used successfully to host up to 12 different sports at an international level including a range of sports during the Arafura Games.

“With very little disruption to these sporting events the upgrade to the stadium will provide northern suburbs residents an even safer place to shelter from cyclones.”

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