Working Future: $27.7 Million for Katherine Region Roads

The Territory Government is investing in Territory roads with $27.7 million to be delivered in Budget 2010 for roads in the Katherine region.

Transport Minister, Gerry McCarthy, said the funding will see roads and bridges upgraded and targeted resealing in the Katherine region to improve access and safety for Territorians.

“This is also a major investment by the Henderson Government in improving access between our more remote communities for around 19 000 people in the region,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Territorians in the bush depend on these roads to access health, education and economic opportunities and this investment will improve their lives.

“The Territory Government will invest $8.91 million for repairs and maintenance and the Australian Government has allocated $5.38 million for the Stuart and Victoria Highways on the National Land Transport Network in the Katherine Region, with $840,000 to be invested in minor new works.”

New works include:

- $1.67 million for the Buntine Highway for routine maintenance and targeted resealing;
- $530,000 for the Central Arnhem Road for routine maintenance and targeted resealing;
- $1 million for the Carpentaria Highway for routine maintenance and targeted resealing;
- $550,000 for the Roper Highway for routine maintenance and targeted resealing;
- $580,000 for the Buchanan Highway for routine maintenance and gravel resheeting; and
- $4.58 million for various other local roads in the Katherine region.

The Territory Government together with the Federal Government will also contribute $12.6 million for further upgrades including:

- $1.2 million for a new Jasper Creek Bridge along the Buchanan Highway.
- $6 million for a new high level Cullen River Bridge on the Stuart Highway.
- $5 million for additional passing lanes on the Stuart Highway.

“This is great news for the Katherine region by creating jobs and making a significant contribution to Territorians living in and around Katherine.” Mr McCarthy said.

“Budget 2010 invests in Working Future to fund better services and support further economic development of Indigenous Territorians.”

The Territory Government will continue to work with the Federal Government to improve transport in our regional and remote communities.

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