New Multi-Purpose Sports Complex For Tennant Creek

Construction Minister Gerry McCarthy today called for tenders to build a new multi-purpose sports complex at the Tennant Creek High School campus of Barkly College.

“More than 350 students attend Barkly College’s two campuses, and this new multi-purpose sports complex will deliver great benefits to the local community,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Multi-purpose sports complexes like the one that will be built at the Tennant Creek High School Campus help children develop their abilities in sports and the performing arts and help students with their academic development. Schools are central to our towns and communities. These complexes also provide the community with a great facility to hold fundraisers or other activities such as public forums meetings and community celebrations.

“This facility will be fully air-conditioned for operation during the warmer months and have natural ventilation during the cooler months.”

The complex will be open to the community and accommodate sports and activities such as:

- Indoor sports such as basketball, netball, volleyball, cricket, soccer and gymnastics;
- School plays, concerts, community celebrations

The facilities include change rooms and ablution facilities complete with showers.

“The tender is open until 27 May with work to begin soon after so that the new complex will open in time for the 2011 school year,” Mr McCarthy said.

Due to the positioning of the building, which facilitates the best access for community events, there will be no disruption to students and their learning.

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