$4 Million Palmerston Boat Ramp Construction to Begin

The NT Government is delivering on its election commitment to improve recreational fishing with the $4 million upgrade to the Palmerston Boat Ramp beginning this month.

The boat ramp at Elizabeth River is set for a massive facelift, following comments from anglers on the concept plans released earlier this year by the NT Government.

The contract for the upgrade has been awarded to Macmahon Contractors, with construction expected to be complete by the next Wet Season.

The upgrades will include a land based fishing component, security lighting, floating pontoon along the centre of the boat ramp, disability access and improved parking facilities, and a secure parking area.

“Recreational fishing is a huge part of the Territory lifestyle, a major tourism attraction and contributes significantly to our economy,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The NT Government wants to keep making the chances of landing that great fish even better, and over the years we have injected millions of dollars into upgrading our boat ramps - helping get our anglers out onto the water quicker and easier.”

Mr Vatskalis said Government had also improved recreational fishing by buying back 15 commercial net fishing licences, closing Bynoe Harbour and the Finniss River to commercial fishermen, and changing bag limits all to enhance the recreational fishing experience in the Territory.

He said the Palmerston Boat Ramp project design was completed in consultation with the community, including the Palmerston Game Fishing Club, AFANT and the Palmerston City Council.

“The NT Government wanted to make sure everyone had an opportunity to provide input to the concept plans so we could make this ramp exactly what anglers were after,” he said.

“The upgrades are expected to be complete in time for barra season this Wet!”

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