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First Bridge Opens for $110M Tiger Brennan Drive Project

The first bridge in the $110M Tiger Brennan Drive project was opened today by Member for Solomon Damian Hale and Chief Minister Paul Henderson.

Traffic will start using the bridge today from Roystonea Avenue to the Stuart Highway that is part of the project to reduce travel time for 34,000 people each day.

Member for Solomon Damian Hale said the project highlights one of the many achievements under a strong working relationship between the Australian and Territory Governments.

“Today’s opening is a significant milestone for the project and this bridge will make travelling north into Darwin significantly easier by lessening traffic congestion and cutting travel time,” Mr Hale said.

“Living in Palmerston, I know first hand the difference eased traffic delays will have on the people of Palmerston and the rural area.” Mr Hale said.

“By working together with the Northern Territory Government we’ve been able to deliver the Cancer Care Centre, the GP Superclinic and funded the NT Medical School.

“The Tiger Brennan Drive Extension is another great result the Labor Government has delivered for Territorians,” Mr Hale said.
Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the Tiger Brennan Drive project is an important part of the Territory Government's plans to meet the needs of the growing Palmerston and rural area population.

"We have four new suburbs being built in Palmerston in the next four years to cater for 15,000 more people, so we are building better roads to deal with increased traffic," Mr Henderson said.

"Tiger Brennan Drive has been designed to cater for growth and deliver smooth traffic flows for motorists.

"This is one of the biggest road and bridge projects in the history of the Territory and at the peak of construction, 200 people were employed, and the vast majority were Territory locals of subcontractors.

"The Territory Government has a strong working relationship with the Australian Government, and Damian Hale's strong voice in Canberra helped secure funding to make this project possible."

The Southbound Bridge from Stuart Highway to Roystonea Avenue will open soon, and all of the changes in the stage 2 $110 million Tiger Brennan Drive project are on track to be finished by the end of the year.

Stage 1 of the Tiger Brennan Drive project to duplicate lanes on Berrimah Road is already complete.

For more information on the Tiger Brennan Drive Project, go to www.nt.gov.au/tigerbrennandrive, email inquiries@tigerbrennandrive.com.au or call 1800 110 243.

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