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$4 Million Palmerston Boat Ramp Construction Continues

The NT Government is delivering on its election commitment to improve recreational fishing with works on track for the $4 million upgrade to the Palmerston Boat Ramp.

The boat ramp at Elizabeth River is receiving a major facelift, with construction expected to be complete by the Wet Season.

Fisheries Minister Kon Vatskalis said large machinery and earth movers will restrict access to the ramp over the next fortnight as the construction is undertaken.

“Heavy machinery will be used on the existing ramp over the next fortnight, so for public safety the ramp will be closed for a short period of time.

“The NT Government wants to keep enhancing the fishing experience for all anglers, and over the years we have injected millions of dollars into upgrading our boat ramps - helping to get our anglers out onto the water safer, quicker and easier.

“Once these upgrades are complete we are going to have a first class facility which boosts the great fishing experience up here.”

The upgrades 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.

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

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