$14.7 sewerage upgrade for Borroloola kicks off

Contracts have been awarded for the $14.7 million upgrade to Borroloola sewerage system as one of the Territory’s biggest sewerage infrastructure upgrade.

Minister for Essential Services, Rob Knight said tenders have been awarded to local company Steelcon Constructions (NT).

“This is an $14.7 million investment into improving the sewerage infrastructure for the Borroloola community,” Minister Knight said.

The Member for Barkly Gerry McCarthy said the contracts marked a significant milestone in the project, with work to being early next year.

“I’m thrilled to see this project progressing and look forward to seeing the community benefit from an improved sewerage system,” Mr McCarthy said.

“It will help protect the beautiful natural surrounds by decommissioning existing septic systems.

“The $14.7 million project will support local jobs and provide a valuable economic boost for the area.

“As part of the project, Steelcon Constructions (NT) will work with the Borroloola based Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association to train and engage local residents to work on the project.”

The upgrade will include:

- construction of two sewerage pump stations;
- upgrading an existing pump station and rising main;
- construction of a gravity sewer network;
- decommissioning existing individual septic systems, and
- significant infrastructure upgrade for Borroloola.

“We were able to put in a strong financial case for funding and once complete the Barkley community will have a infrastructure system that will allow it to grow well into the future,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The project will significantly improve the sewerage system for the township, and increase the capacity of the Borroloola sewage treatment ponds.”

The project will take around 30 weeks to complete, with construction set to begin in the 2011 Dry Season.

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