4th Annual Transport Infrastructure Summit in Darwin

Transport Minister Gerry McCarthy will highlight the Territory Government’s efforts to support local jobs and transport opportunities through its record infrastructure budget at today’s 4th annual Transport Infrastructure Summit in Darwin.

The Transport Infrastructure Summit brings together some of the Territory’s key businesses, organisations and executives to learn more about current and future Territory projects.

Mr McCarthy said the Territory Government’s record infrastructure investment through projects such as the Tiger Brennan Drive extension and river crossing upgrades in regional and remote communities had short term and long term benefits for Territorians.

“The Territory Government continues to deliver initiatives that create and support Territory jobs and invest in the Territory’s future through vital transport infrastructure projects,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Underpinning this is a record $1.8 billion infrastructure package in Budget 2010 that supports businesses in construction, road transport, engineering and design with $331 million specifically going towards improving the Territory’s road network.

“New roads and better roads also help support the Territory’s tourism, community, beef and mining industries which employ thousands of Territorians directly and indirectly with the economic benefits flowing through to other sectors of the economy such as retail and hospitality.

“Projects that deliver better roads, bridges and airstrips feed into broader strategic themes within Territory 2030 - this includes economic sustainability through more jobs in the short and long term and delivering better health and education outcomes through better transport options.”

Mr McCarthy will deliver the keynote ministerial address at The 4th Annual Transport Infrastructure Summit from 9.30am today at Crowne Plaza in Darwin.

Other speakers at the summit include Robert Easthope, Managing Director Australia Region, Genesee and Wyoming and Louise Bilato, Executive Director, Northern Territory Road Transport Association.

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