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50 Tonne of Concrete = Better Top End Fishing

More than 50 tonnes of concrete pipes and culverts will be sunk at the bottom of the ocean off Lee Point– but it’s all in the name of better fishing!

Fisheries Minister Kon Vatskalis said the Northern Territory Government is calling for tenders to deploy the Top End’s newest artificial reef in the waters off Lee Point, near Darwin, and within easy reach of Nightcliff and Buffalo Creek boat ramps.

The tender calls for deploying more than 50 tonnes of various shaped concrete pipes and culverts at two locations near Lee Point, complementing the existing culverts in place at the popular fishing destination within easy reach of both Nightcliff and Buffalo Creek Boat Ramps.

“Fishing just continues to get that much better in the Territory – we don’t have a world renowned reputation for nothing,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“Recreational fishing is more popular in the Territory than anywhere else in the national and continues to be a tourist drawcard which is great for the broader economy.

“This expansion is also about improving recreational fishing infrastructure in new areas – the growth of our artificial reef program has been a priority for this government.”

The NT Government is committed to investing in recreational fishing infrastructure such as boat ramps, land based fishing platforms and our extensive artificial reef network.

“More than $1 million dollars is being spent each year on these import public assets and we will continue to make further investment as the need arises and opportunities are identified.

“I’d like to personally thank Darwin Pre-Cast Products for their donation of these concrete items and I’m sure our fishing community will be just as grateful.”

“We would also welcome approaches from businesses or individuals who have suitable material for expanding our artificial reef network”

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