Work starts on new $13 million Fire Station

Construction has started on a new $13 million fire station at Berrimah, Chief Minister Paul Henderson announced today.

Chief Minister Henderson said the $13 million project is part of the Territory Government’s Growing the Territory initiative.

“We’re planning now to ensure we have the infrastructure in place to support our growing Territory,” Chief Minister Henderson said.

“We are gearing up for the wave of economic growth about to occur in the Territory, and we are building now for future growth.

“This brand new fire station will service our growing greater Darwin area and help to provide for the growth of the East Arm Port.

“This $13 million contract has been awarded to local company Gratis Pty Ltd (The Tomazos Group) and has helped create 35 extra local jobs, including 2 Indigenous employees and 10 apprentices.

“In the Territory we created jobs in the GFC and committed to a massive capital works scheme to support jobs while the Territory was in between major projects.

“Almost 13,000 jobs have been created in the Territory since the GFC supported by our record $4.6 billion infrastructure program over 3 years.

“In Europe thousands of people are being laid off - here in the Territory we are creating jobs.

“This project will also provide a new state-of-the-art fire station for staff including a dedicated fire fighter training area and specialised equipment for disaster response.

“Unlike the CLP rather than bagging our volunteers we are supporting them – this new building will provide NTES with a new state-of-the-art NTES Darwin volunteer unit and storage facilities for NTES equipment.

“It is part of the Territory 2030 Plan to continue to grow the size and skills of our workforce and maintaining high levels of investment in public infrastructure to underpin long-term development and growth.”

The fire station facilities will include:

- A new fire station;
- A new four-level training tower;
- A new special operations building for disaster response; and
- A 55m communication tower.

Construction is expected to be complete by the second half 2012.

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