Delivering better, safer roads for rural communities

Member for Daly Rob Knight said today work would commence next week on the $500,000 upgrade to Gunn Point Road Intersection.

Mr Knight said local company Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd have been awarded the tender for the upgrade, which aims to improve traffic flow and boost safety.

“The work will involve improving intersection turning movements and straight-through traffic movements and will support seven local jobs,” he said.

“This project is one of several road and bridge upgrades happening in my Electorate.

“In the Daly River community we are delivering on our election commitment with the $22.6 million construction of the new Daly River Bridge.

“The project is expected to be completed in 2012 dry season, weather permitting and will improve access for almost 3000 residents living in Daly River, Wadeye and Peppimenarti.

“Near Dundee, sealing is expected to be completed by early next year, weather permitting on $1.2 million Barramundi Drive project.

“This coincides with the $2.5 million allocated for completion of sealing works on Fog Bay Road, which will improve access for local residents and recreational fishers.”

Mr Knight said the funding was made available under the Territory Government’s 2010-11 and 2011-12 Capital Works programs.

Design works are currently underway for the construction of a bridge at Annie Creek Crossing.

“This is about making roads safer and more accessible for Territorians. There are few things more important than road safety and these new measures will go a long way towards making roads across my electorate safer.

“While we’re building better roads and maintaining the ones we’ve got, we’re providing jobs for local workers in road construction and maintenance.

These road upgrades address the Territory Government’s Territory 2030 Strategy target to maintain high levels of investment in roads to underpin long-term development and growth.

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