Construction has started on major $3.6 million purpose built upgrade to Tennant Creek Police Station.

Minister for Construction and Member for Barkly, Gerry McCarthy said the new Police Station would include new, better, more modern facilities for staff.

“This is a $3.6 million project that will provide Tennant Creek police with a brand new station and workplace,” Minister McCarthy said.

“This is real money on the ground where it counts to deliver better facilities for our police at the frontline.

“It’s an investment into our Territory 2030 targets to ensure community safety and this government maintaining high levels of investment in public infrastructure.

“Work will be completed in three stages and the station will remain operational at all times.”

The $3.6 million project includes:
- four new interview rooms
- a new multipurpose conference/training/emergency operations room
- a new communications room
- dedicated prosecutions office
- improved operational frontline duties areas
- Demolition of existing buildings

“The $3.6 million project will provide job opportunities for 20 local tradies and an additional 5 apprentices.

“Work is now underway, and the project is expected to be complete by mid 2012.”

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