Aquarium Upgrades at Iconic Territory Wildlife Park

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Karl Hampton, today announced that works will commence to upgrade the Aquarium at one of the Territory's most popular tourist attractions; the Territory Wildlife Park.

“The $248,000 tender was awarded to local company NT Repairs and Painting and will support 16 local jobs,” Mr Hampton said.

“The aquarium is home to many aquatic species including the endangered saw fish and flatback turtles different fish species.

“The work includes replacing existing tank stands, installation of new wall panels and ceiling tiles and maintenance of damaged wall structure.

“The wall structure was damaged due to salt corrosion from the atmosphere in the salt water aquarium.

“The works will enhance the appearance of the exhibits and improving the refurbishment, providing an overall richer experience to visitors.

“This project is set for completion in June and is part of the $1.5m repairs and maintenance program, that also includes the upgrade of 12 aviary huts at the Territory Wildlife Park.

The Territory Wildlife Park sees almost 70,000 Territorians and visitors through its gates every year, and this year marks the 23rd year since it has been operating.

“This latest tender is in line with Territory 2030’s aim to provide Territorians access to a wide range of facilities and activities that enhance our great Territory lifestyle,” Mr Hampton said.

This upgrade is part of the 1.5 million allocated in Budget 2011-2012 to upgrade the Territory Wildlife Park.