Rolls Royce moving Top End power forward

Minister for Essential Services Rob Knight today officially flicked the switch on two new Rolls Royce built power generation units at Power and Water’s Channel Island facility.

The two Trent 60 Gas Turbines will provide cleaner, greener energy as part of the Northern Territory Government’s record $1.8 billion five-year investment in Power Water.

The Henderson Government will spend $380 million in the 2012 Budget as part of a five year plan to improve reliability in power and water infrastructure as we gear up for growth.

The 45MW turbines increase Power Water’s electricity generation capacity by 20 per cent for Territorians from Katherine to Darwin.

Minister Knight said the Government’s Budget commitment was good news for all Territorians.

“The commissioning of the Rolls Royce turbines confirms our commitment to deliver key infrastructure which is essential to grow the Territory,” Minister Knight said.

“These natural gas-powered generators are the most efficient in the world in their class, delivering Territorians the cleanest baseload power in Australia.

“The turbines are part of the power generation network, which through Government investment, has now increased capacity placing Power and Water Corporation in a better position to meet growth.

“The added generation capacity of the Rolls Royce turbines allows Power Water to bring other turbines off-line for maintenance with minimal impact on customers.

“The $1.8 billion investment over five years proves that the Northern Territory Government is gearing up for Territory growth, ensuring we are ready to deliver local jobs and opportunities for business.”

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