Budget 2012 investing in East Arnhem

Budget 2012 continues the Henderson’s Government commitment to the East Arnhem region with a $328 million investment in jobs, schools, health, housing and safer communities.

Regional Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy said Budget 2012 invested in growing Indigenous communities through the Government’s Working Future plans and Territory Growth Towns.

“Each and every year the Henderson Government continues to invest in Territory families across East Arnhem so that they have the capacity to plan and build a prosperous life and future,” she said.

“Budget 2012 gives East Arnhem families a further $28.34m for acute care services including patient travel and $10.84M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region, including three police stations, one fire station and eight volunteer groups.”
“Infrastructure benefits in Budget 2012 include $1.2m to construct six two-bedroom units at Gove District Hospital, and $100.4m for Indigenous housing under the Remote Indigenous Housing program and essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns.”

Jobs and Training

Budget 2012 continues investing in Territorians with a further $5.97m for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other providers to deliver qualifications to Territorians to develop new skills or build on existing skills that leads to employment.

There will be $620,000 in Territory and Commonwealth funds for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment for Indigenous Territorians of working age in regional and remote communities.

Safer Communities

- $10.84m to provide police, fire and emergency services in the East Arnhem region, including three police stations, one fire station and eight volunteer groups;
- $1.13m to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy regions in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and the Parole Board;
- $0.45M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy, Numbulwar and Galiwin'ku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy; and
- $40 000 for facilitation of guidance and mentoring by respected community elders within the correctional centres under Closing the Gap Initiatives.

Better Schooling

- $44.83m for primary school education in government and non-government schools;
- $16.37m for middle years education in government and non-government schools;
- $15.15m for senior years education and Vocational Education and Training in Schools in government and non-government schools;
- $6.21m for preschool education in government and non-government schools;
$3.55m for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers; $820,000 for the provision of school buses and special needs transport for students; $650,000 for isolated student education through distance education; and $310,000 to provide back to school vouchers of $75 per student.

Better Health

$28.34m for acute care services including patient travel; $25.25m for non-acute health and community services in the region; $1.72m for upgrades and extensions at the Gove District Hospital; $560,000 for upgrades at the Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre including security cameras and a multipurpose shed; and $55,000 for refurbishment of the Ramingining visiting officers quarters.

Community Development

$3m to manage government employee housing and services including private head leasing; $1.8m for upgrades to water production capacity to support additional housing and local implementation plan projects in Maningrida; $1.3m to manage urban public housing and services including tenancy support; and $550,000 for the ongoing development of the East Arnhem Indigenous Fisheries Network.

Lifestyle and Environment

$240,000 for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Darwin and East Arnhem regions; $250,000 to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management; and $180,000 for the Marine Ranger Program including financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection and community education.
Infrastructure Highlights

- $2.2m for various minor school infrastructure upgrades;
- $1.2m to construct six two-bedroom units at Gove District Hospital; and
- $650,000 for continuation of fire upgrades at Gove District Hospital.

Working Future

- $100.4M for Indigenous housing under the Remote Indigenous Housing Program, and essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns;
- $8.67m to upgrade and seal the road from Angurugu to Umbakumba;
- $8.55m for the Central Arnhem Road upgrade under the Community, Beef and Mining Roads program;
- $7.09m to construct a multipurpose police station at Ramingining;
- $6.4m to construct a new remote health centre at Galiwinku;
- $6.22m to construct a multipurpose police station at Gapuwiyak;
- $5.29m for a new training facility and classrooms at Angurugu and refurbishment of a kitchen at Alyangula to provide for Vocational Education and Training programs;
- $4.5m to construct a new remote health centre at Milingimbi;
- $2m to upgrade the barge landing and hardstand area at Gapuwiyak;
- $1.5m for provision of passing lanes on the Central Arnhem Road;
- $1.5m to allow a permanent sworn officer presence by converting the Numbulwar police post to a police station;
- $1m to establish an early learning centre on Elcho Island; and
- $0.35m for refurbishment of the health centre at Gapuwiyak.

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