KATHERINE INTERSECTION UPGRADE BEGINS

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Work begins today on a major upgrade to a key Katherine intersection frequently used by local motorists, tourist traffic, and industrial vehicles servicing local businesses.

Infrastructure Minister Adam Giles said the $1.3M contract to upgrade the Stuart Highway – Zimin Drive intersection had been awarded to Katherine-based company Allan King and Sons.

Mr Giles said the work includes the widening of the intersection to provide for a left and right turning lane out of Zimin Drive as well as the installation of traffic islands.

Zimin Drive connects the Victoria Highway to the Stuart Highway through industrial and rural areas in Katherine.

Other works in the project, fully funded by the Australian Government, include the addition of a median strip, lengthening of turning lanes and new street lighting.

“Once the intersection upgrade is complete, it will allow vehicles to turn in a more controlled and safe manner,” Mr Giles said.

“About 13 apprentices and eight Indigenous employees will work on the project.”

During construction there will be lane closures and speed restrictions in place.

Road users are asked to observe all traffic control devices and speed limits.

Works are expected to be completed by January 2013, weather permitting.

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