An extensive capital works program with a focus on easing the housing supply shortage will drive economic growth and create jobs in Palmerston and Litchfield.

Significantly, the Government has retained a commitment to the development of Palmerston Hospital, with $10 million earmarked for stage one of Palmerston Hospital.

Other 2012-13 capital works in today’s Mini Budget include:
- $15.5 million for stage 1 water supply headworks at Middle Arm Industrial Precinct
- $12.8 million for continuing headworks for residential development around Palmerston
- $2.2 million for the Defence Support Hub development
- $14.4 million for the Wishart Road industrial land development
- $4.6 million for public housing at Bellamack and $6.1 million at Zuccoli through the ‘A Place to Call Home’ initiative
- $2.4 million to construct seven 2-bedroom units at Rosebery
- $47.6 million for residential development including National Rental Affordability Scheme housing at Johnston, Maluka Drive
- $12 million for Howard Springs Road
- $750,000 for special education upgrades at Palmerston Senior College
- $1 million for a canteen at Taminmin College
- $65.5 million to continue headworks at the Marine Supply Base
- $3.2 million for stage 3 of the common user area at the Port

Chief Minister, Terry Mills, said Palmerston and Rural Darwin were among the fastest growing regions in Australia.

“In addition to the substantial construction spend, I am also proud to have honoured a number of key election commitments that affect Palmerston and Rural Darwin areas,” Mr Mills said.

“These include $300,000 in 2012-13 to upgrade the Satellite City BMX facility, a $2 million grant to support the expansion of Somerville’s Community Centre in Palmerston and $448,000 in 2012-13 and $500,000 ongoing from 2013-14 to create two extra prisoner work parties, one each in Darwin and Alice Springs.”

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