Truck Parking Bays crucial to safety in NT

THREE new truck parking bays along Northern Territory roads will boost safety for truck drivers and tourists.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss reaffirmed the government’s commitment to invest in safety upgrades on the Tanami Road, Lasseter Highway and Plenty Highway.

“The government’s Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme is funding the construction of these three new truck parking bays,” Mr Truss said.

“The Northern Territory is in the midst of huge growth as the development of Northern Australia picks up pace and these truck bays will provide a much needed and safe resting area for drivers.”

Northern Territory Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Peter Styles said the works on the Tanami Road truck parking bay would see the road widened, the incorporation of accelerating and decelerating lanes, a new heavy vehicle weighing pad and line marking and signage.

Mr Styles said the Tanami Road tender was currently released, with works expected to start in May and finishing in July.

“Under this federal program, two truck bays are also currently under construction on the Lasseter Highway and another tender closes this month for the Plenty Highway,” Mr Styles said.

“These parking bays will improve and provide additional rest area facilities for the drivers of cattle trucks and heavy vehicles for the oil and gas industry, who often travel long distances.

“This is part of the Giles Government’s ongoing commitment to the bush, to upgrade and provide essential transport and infrastructure assets.”

The $2.5 million upgrade is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, with the Australian Government committing $2 million to the program.

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