WORKS TO BEGIN ON PALMERSTON INTERSECTION

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Works will begin this week on the Elrundie Avenue and Waler Road intersection to improve traffic flow and enhance safety for motorists, with DAC Enterprises Pty Ltd, NT being awarded the major contract.

Palmerston residents will see the key intersection undergo a $300,000 safety upgrade beginning on Thursday, after members of the community raised concerns about fast moving traffic.

Minister for Transport Peter Styles said the Giles Government had listened to the community and as a result of the comments raised had made the decision to upgrade the intersection.

“Palmerston is rapidly developing and with the growth of the city’s population, we need to cater for the increased traffic,” he said.

“This project, awarded to a local company, is a perfect example of the Giles Government creating jobs for Territorians.

“We are committed to increasing safety on our roads and with the construction of a left turn lane off Elrundie, installing kerbs in the turnings, line marking the intersection and installing five street lights we are achieving this,” Mr Styles said.

“The works will improve left turning opportunities from Elrundie Avenue to Waler Road and minimise disturbance to straight through traffic movement, as well as increasing vision by the installation of additional lighting.”

Member for Drysdale Lia Finocchiaro said the Giles government recognised the importance of upgrading road infrastructure across the whole of the Territory and was continuing to focus on motorists’ safety.

“Many of my constituents have brought this safety issue to my attention and I have lobbied the government to take action.

“The Giles government has a plan to develop the Territory, to develop Northern Australia, and we are continuing to focus on our roads and our key assets to ensure this happens.”

Mr Styles said this upgrade was part of the minor new works program and fully funded by the Northern Territory Government.

The works are expected to be finished in August.

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