MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Safety a focus for truck bays

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The Northern Territory government is committed to improving road safety and the safety of all motorists by upgraded and constructing vital transport infrastructure.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Peter Styles said a tender was currently advertised for the construction of 22 truck bays on either side of the Central Arnhem road at 11 locations between Beswick and Nhulunbuy.

“Each truck bay will be 400 meters long and will provide a safe opportunity for heavy vehicles to pull up at regular intervals to allow vehicles to safely pass as well as provide safe opportunities to the heavy vehicle operators to check their load restraints,” Mr Styles said.

“The bays will improve the efficiency of the trucking industry as they will provide a safe parking facility at regular intervals and reduce driver fatigue.

“The work will involve construction of acceleration and deceleration lanes, entry and exit to the parking bay, improvement of drainage and installation of signage.

“There has been an increase of heavy vehicles in the past two years due to mining, tourism and cattle trucks, and our government is committed to catering for this increase.

“Safety is our number one priority and we are committed to ensuring our roads are safe for all motorists.

“This work is part of our government’s ongoing commitment to providing key infrastructure assets to regional and remote areas.”

Each bay will be able to house up to six triple road trains.

The major work is expected to begin next month and is scheduled to be completed in October.

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