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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services  

Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu, Member for Arafura  

**Police Station upgrade for Pirlangimpi**  

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The Country Liberals Government today unveiled the refurbished Pirlangimpi Police station on Melville Island, improving safety for local residents.

“The Country Liberals Government takes the safety of Territorians very seriously and we are giving Police the tools and infrastructure they need to drive down crime, especially in remote communities such as Pirlangimpi,” Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Peter Chandler said.

“The improved station provides for greater proximity and access to the Emergency Services Management Unit, which provide a valuable volunteer sourced service.

“The renovations also include an upgraded interview room which can now accommodate additional persons.

“The multi-purpose interview room provides greater operational flexibility – being able to set up as a local emergency operation command centre, or to supplement court facilities.

“The safety of our officers and community is paramount, and the refurbishment has provided for facilities that are safer and more accessible,” Mr Chandler said.

Local member for Arafura, Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu said he is proud to be part of a government that continues to invest in infrastructure like this Police station in his electorate.

“This is a great outcome for the Tiwi Islands and one that will have a positive impact on the community.

“I know the upgrades to the Pirlangimpi Police station will be noticed and appreciated and will reassure local residents that the government takes their safety seriously,” Mr Kurrupuwu said.

Pirlangimpi Police station is responsible for policing the 1,000 residents of Melville Island and is staffed by Remote Sergeant Ben Higgins and Constable First Class Nicole Hayman.

Members from the Pirlangimpi Police station also patrol Milikapiti (Snake Bay) on a weekly basis.
In June 2013, approval was received for a new 2013-14 Capital Works Project at $1.7M, utilising substitution from the annual Minor New Works ($0.6M) and Repairs and Maintenance Program ($1.1M).

The redevelopment was funded by the Northern Territory Government.

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