Local company selected to develop Darwin fuel stop and transport service hub

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A Northern Territory family-owned civil construction company has been selected to develop a fuel stop and transport service hub at Berrimah.

Chief Minister Adam Giles announced today Ostojic Group would develop ‘Truck Central’ as a major transport industry service centre on 16 hectares of industrial land at the intersection of Wishart Road and Tiger Brennan Drive.

‘Truck Central’ will incorporate a fuel station, 24 hour restaurant, rest/fatigue facilities and a large road train trailer parking and assembly area.

“This project is a key part of the Northern Territory Government’s plan to stimulate greater competition in the fuel market and drive down the price for motorists,” Mr Giles said.

“It was a major initiative that flowed from last year’s Fuel Price Summit and I am pleased to see this important development take another major step forward.”

The Ostojic Group is a privately owned family company that has been operating in the Territory since 1972, delivering numerous significant civil construction projects across Northern Australia. The group were chosen as the preferred bidder after a detailed assessment process run by the Land Development Corporation.

In coming weeks, the Corporation will seek to finalise negotiations with Ostojic Group for the development of Truck Central, including implementation of a competitive fuel pricing delivery arrangement.

Mr Giles said the difference between prices in Darwin and the rest of the country had dropped substantially since the Fuel Price Summit last year, but the Government would keep working hard to do what it could to put downward pressure on prices.

“Australian Institute of Petroleum figures show that as of 31 May the difference between the Territory and the national average was less than a cent. A year ago, Territory prices were almost 40 cents a litre higher,” he said.

“This fuel stop is another way the CLP Government is working to reduce the fuel burden on Territory families and drive down the cost of living.”

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