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Casuarina Coastal Reserve tenders open for works at Dripstone Cliffs and Rapid Creek

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The second round of tenders for the $10.68m investment into the Casuarina Coastal Reserve has been released today to deliver revitalisation works at Dripstone Cliffs and Rapid Creek.

The Reserve near Darwin’s northern suburbs is the Territory’s most popular park or reserve with approximately 900,000 visits each year.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Nungarrayi Price, said not only was this announcement going to cater for the tourists but it would also offer an enticing spot for locals to enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

The Reserve provides locals and visitors with a beach and bushland escape in the heart of suburban Darwin where visitors are able to walk, cycle, picnic and relax watching the picturesque sunsets.

The works under this second package include:

- Relocation of existing parking areas at Dripstone Cliffs
- New landscaped areas at Dripstone Cliffs, including the installation of paths, shelters, picnic tables, barbecues and drinking water bubblers
- The construction of a sealed access road and car-park at Rapid Creek
- The construction of a new picnic area at Rapid Creek including, the installation of paths, shelters, picnic tables, barbecues, drinking water bubblers, landscaping and a public toilet.
- Installation of a concrete beach access path

“After 11 years of neglect under Labor, the Giles Government is now investing in our Parks and Reserves in a meaningful way by updating the facilities and enhancing the landscape making them more accessible to the public,” Minister Price said.

The tender is expected to be awarded to the successful contractor in March, with works to begin soon after.

The tenders for the other components within the $10.68m upgrade are expected to be released in March/April.

For further information on Tenders go to: https://tendersonline.nt.gov.au/Tender/ListCurrent
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