Tiger Brennan Drive Nearing Completion

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Construction of the 9.14 kilometre duplication of Tiger Brennan Drive is in its final months, with the project nearing completion.

Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments, the project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion between Darwin, Palmerston and the Rural Area.

Today sees another milestone, with traffic moved onto the newly constructed alignment while work is undertaken on the existing section of road.

Minister for Infrastructure, Peter Chandler, said the bulk of earthworks on the project are complete.

“Reconstruction works will now be carried out on the existing section of road,” he said.

Member for Solomon, Natasha Griggs, said the upgrade will benefit commuters and business operators in Darwin, Palmerston and the Rural Area.

“It will improve peak hour travel times, ease congestion and traffic flows,”

“I am proud to have delivered funding for this much-needed road project and that it is due for completion by the middle of this year, Mrs Griggs said.

The Federal Coalition Government contributed $70 million to the $103 million project, including the already completed section between Woolner Road and Dinah Beach Road, after the Rudd/Gillard Labor governments shelved plans to duplicate this important link road.

Mr Chandler said most of the work has been done by Territory companies.

“To date the duplication project employed 360 people during the construction period,” he said.

This employment includes 101 Indigenous employees, with eight completing certificates in various civil construction disciplines”.

The traffic diversion will allow for single lane traffic to flow in each direction and reduced speed limits will be in place to ensure the safety of road users.

This change will be in place until project completion with traffic diversion points near the Woolner Road intersection and the Berrimah Road intersection.
“Unlike Labor, we have a plan and a vision for the future,” Mr Chandler said.

“Labor has made it clear that it has no ideas of its own on how to drive the Territory forward.

“This project supports the development of Northern Australia, It creates real jobs and opportunities for local contractors and small businesses, and means Territorians receive better services.”

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