$700,000 Watarrka National Park works to commence soon

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A $700,000 contract has been awarded to local company Scope Building Pty Ltd for the upgrades at Watarrka National Park to provide better amenities and local jobs.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said all park visitors, particularly those undertaking the Kings Canyon Rim Walk or the South Wall Return Walk would benefit from the upgrades by having access to improved safety and walk information.

“The works includes the construction of a new shelter at the start of the walks to provide visitors with information about safety at the park and will also include a new entrance path and track creek crossing,” Minister Price said.

“When completed all visitors will enter through the new shelter and out to the front of the relevant walk where they will find safety information prior to starting any of the three canyon walks.

“The Territory Government is welcoming visitors to our parks and providing information to ensure their stay is a safe and an enjoyable one.”

With over 225,000 visitors last financial year, Watarrka National Park is the second most visited National Park managed by PWCNT and it seems likely that this level of visitation will increase in coming years.

Watarrka National Park is a category one visitor park and is recognised as a significant driver of the regional tourism economy, and the standard of infrastructure should complement this.

Works are expected to start shortly and the upgrades are anticipated to be completed by mid-July.

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