Peter Chandler
Minister for Transport

$16 million allocated for Arnhem Link Road

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The Country Liberals Budget 2016-17 will deliver $16 million over two years for works on the road connecting Ramingining to Central Arnhem Road as well as starting to bridge across major rivers along the Arnhem Link Road which will provide opportunities for remote communities and Indigenous people.

Transport Minister Peter Chandler said “the focus of this Government is to unlock the potential of the Northern Territory by developing and maintaining a road network that supports job creation, community cohesion and prosperity for the Territory.

“The Northern Territory Government, through the Department of Transport, works closely with the Northern Land Council on a number transport projects.

“Through this work, it has been identified that works on the road connecting Ramingining to Central Arnhem Road as well as starting to bridge across major rivers on the Arnhem Link Road will provide opportunities for remote communities and Indigenous people.”

Minister Chandler said the $5 million allocated in 2016-17 will lift and seal selected sections between Ramingining and Central Arnhem Road.

The $11 million allocated in 2017-18 will provide for one bridge crossing over one of the major rivers in Arnhem Land. Further consultation will be undertaken with Northern Land Council as to which river will be bridged.

This new $16 million investment is in addition to the $11 million of funding under the Regional Roads Productivity Package for Arnhem Link Road.

The Regional Roads Productivity Package is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, with $9 million of Australian Government funding and $2 million of Northern Territory Government funding.

“Transport infrastructure is a key driver of economic development and all of these projects support the development of Northern Australia; they create real jobs and opportunities for local contractors and small businesses, and mean Territorians receive better services,” Minister Chandler said.

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