Michael Gunner
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

$5 Million Immediate Injection for Local Steel Industry

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Chief Minister Michael Gunner today announced a $5 million package – part of the NT Government’s $22 million Immediate Works Stimulus package - aimed at providing work for the Territory’s struggling steel industry.

“Today I am releasing $5 million of works to take effect from February next year,” Mr Gunner said.

“This is part of the Territory Labor Government’s plan to get money flowing in the community and to create certainty and confidence for business.

“Territory steel fabricators and manufacturers are going through a tough time. This has been the case for more than 12 months. Previously, despite their pleas, no specific plan was put into place to support this industry. That has now changed.”

Today’s announcement forms an integral part of the NT Government’s $22 million Immediate Works Stimulus Package announced over the weekend to support local jobs as part of an infrastructure plan.

It comes off the back of the 37 new and fast-tracked infrastructure projects worth $120 million announced last week.

The $22 million Immediate Work Stimulus package is designed to drive smaller infrastructure projects across the Territory - which in turn supports the smaller tradies - until the bigger fast-tracked projects ramp up in the second half of 2017.

It includes $10 million to be available to all Territory community and not-for-profit groups to upgrade facilities and undertake repairs, plus $5 million for repairs and maintenance to urban public housing stock.

The $5 million for the local steel industry will be spent on:

- Bringing forward more bus shelters: **$1.2 million**
- Crocodile traps: **$300,000**
- Shade Structures for parks across the Territory: **$1.2 million**
• Shade structures for sport and recreation: $1.25 million
• Shade shelters for the Larapinta Trail: $400,000
• Picnic Tables for parks: $300,000
• Park BBQs: $60,000
• Bike Racks: $20,000
• Equipment shelter: $200,000
• Bollards: $8000
• Fabricated fencing (not off the shelf): $100,000

“These works are steel focussed and will provide work for the steel industry,” Mr Gunner said.

“To ensure that local companies get the best possible opportunity to get this work, the Government will release the work in smaller packages. This will also mean more businesses should get some of the work rather than concentrating on a few.

“We will require all tenders where the supply, fabrication or galvanising of steel is specified, to include a price for these components from local Northern Territory businesses.”

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