Treasurer Nicole Manison today delivered the 2017 Northern Territory Budget outlining investment and opportunity for the East Arnhem region.

Announcing a $1.75 billion infrastructure works package, $250 million in economic stimulus and a record $297 million for repairs and maintenance jobs right across the Territory, Ms Manison said investing in East Arnhem is vital to economic development in the Territory.

“Budget 2017 invests for the future of the Territory and is focused on delivering more jobs, growing our population and improving the lives of our children by building better communities,” Ms Manison said.

“This Budget is one of the most challenging in the Territory’s history. A $2 billion GST cut by the Federal Government over the next four years will have a deep impact on the Territory’s fiscal position and we are faced with a slowing economy.”

“As a result, the fiscal deficit is expected to be $1.3 billion in 2017-18. Importantly, if not for the GST cuts, the measures included in this Budget show that we would have been on track to deliver a surplus in 2019-20.”

“The Territory needs investment right now, and it needs vision. Budget 2017 delivers both.”

“The projects and investment announced as part of Budget 2017 will deliver results immediately and into the future, supporting more jobs, better services and attracting more private investment.”

Ms Manison said key highlights of Budget 2017 for East Arnhem are:

- $106 million to commence the Territory’s $1.1 billion, 10 year package to improve remote housing, create jobs and restore local decision making
- $45.7 million for Bush Housing under the national partnership agreement
- $9.5 million in Commonwealth funding to continue upgrades to police facilities at Alyangula and Angurugu
$8.97 million to continue remediation and upgrades to Gove District Hospital

$7.7 million in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue building a preschool on the Angurugu Primary school site

$5.2 million to continue to build a multipurpose hall and emergency shelter at Ramingining School

$2 million to widen the seal at Milingimbi Airstrip

$1 million to design and construct a new safe house in Galiwin’ku

$300 000 for every school in Darwin to upgrade school infrastructure

“There is a bright future for East Arnhem and the Northern Territory and our current challenge is making sure we support jobs and keep people here while we unlock more private investment and further grow our economy.”

“We have listened and taken decisive action in Budget 2017 to support people across the Territory and that is why we are investing for our future, in jobs, children and our community.

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