The Finke River crossing on Larapinta Drive in Central Australia will be soon upgraded, with tenders called for works to improve flood immunity during the Wet season.

The Acting Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Dr Chris Burns, said the crossing is subject to closure during heavy Wet season rains, and in recent years, has suffered damaged several times.

"This closure of this crossing and road has a significant impact on the Hermannsburg Community, as well as other communities and outstations also situated along Larapinta Drive," Dr Burns said.

"While the road closures generally take place during the Wet season, the tourists industry servicing Kings Canyon and Ayers Rock is also affected."

Dr Burns said the upgrade will improve flood immunity at the crossing, resulting in reduced closures and remove the need to reconstruct the crossing after significant rains.

Tenders for the new works close on 10 September 2003.