UPGRADE FOR MANDORAH BOAT RAMP

The Mandorah boat ramp is to receive a $75,000 upgrade, Transport and Infrastructure Minister Dr Chris Burns announced today.

The money will be spent on raising the level of the ramp, which has been plagued by silting problems.

Dr Burns said improvements to the ramp had been raised with him by the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council and strongly supported by Ted Warren, the Labor candidate for Goyder who resides at Wagait Beach.

“The Government is committed to improving facilities for recreational fishermen,” Dr Burns said.

“We have already allocated $1.5 million over three years for the development and upgrade of recreational fishing infrastructure.

“Use of the Mandorah ramp has been restricted because of the amount of sand deposited by wave and tide action.

“The Government has been funding the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council to arrange regular removal of the sand.

“Now we have decided on a long-term solution.”

The works are expected to take two weeks, and should be completed before the start of the Dry season.

Last year the Government spent $700,000 upgrading the Dinah Beach boat ramp.

The ramp’s width was doubled to 8 metres, allowing two boats to be launched simultaneously, and extended in length to 80 metres. The capacity of the car park was doubled to 64 spaces.

The Government also spent $500,000 upgrading the Buffalo Creek boat ramp, including the installation of an 11 KV power line extension from Lee Point Road, nine lights at the car park, a walkway to the boat ramp and a BBQ area. Security fencing and an additional 37 car parking space were also provided.

The Northern Territory Government maintains 24 boat ramps located across the Territory as well as platforms, wharves, jetties and artificial reefs that support recreational fishing.

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