Deputy Chief Minister Syd Stirling today announced a number of new projects for Papunya had been placed on the Government's Capital Works program for 2002/03.

Mr Stirling, on a visit to Papunya, said the projects included:

- drilling and equipping a new production bore;
- upgrading the sewerage treatment facilities; and
- upgrading the power station building.

"The Government will commit more than $700,000 to the combined projects," Mr Stirling said.

"Around $250,000 will be spent on drilling a new bore to accommodate growth and replace an existing low-yielding bore.

"A further $200,000 will be allocated to upgrade sewerage treatment by concreting the banks of the sewerage ponds to improve their efficiency, as well as reducing erosion and vegetation growth which creates mosquito breeding areas.

"One of the sewerage ponds will also be deepened to improve the evaporation efficiency of the pond.

"Washdown facilities will also be installed at the sewerage ponds to allow for better maintenance of pump facilities.

"Noise from the power station building will also be reduced through a $250,000 project which will allow the building to be reclad and low engine radiators to be installed.

"These projects are part of the Government's commitment to improving essential services in remote Territory communities."