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Elliot McAdam
Member for Barkly

Martin Government backs Barkly and Gulf

The Martin Labor Government will back development in the Barkly and Gulf region in its second term, Member for Barkly Elliot McAdam said today.

“The Martin Government is backing the Barkly and Gulf region with an unprecedented capital spending program of over $29 million over the next four years—with nearly $25 million dedicated to the Gulf region alone,” said Mr McAdam.

“This will sustain more than 60 jobs in the region over that period.

“Over the past four years, I have worked hard for residents of the Barkly and Gulf. Together, we have achieved a great deal for the region, but there is a lot more to be done.

“I have the strong backing of the Martin Labor Government to deliver a range of major initiatives over the next four years in regional development.

“It’s the only way to move the Barkly and Gulf regions ahead.

“In the next four years as part of the Martin Labor Government team, I will deliver to the Gulf:

- ongoing funding to improve access to Borroloola including $4.8 million for improving flood immunity; $3.6 million for the Macarthur River Bridge and $1.8 million for Stage Three upgrades to Wollogorang-Borroloola crossings
- $5 million to upgrade the Borroloola Community Education Centre
- $5 million for the Stage One upgrade of the Borroloola sewerage system
- $3.8 million to upgrade the Borroloola Health Clinic
- $500,000 for extensions to the Borroloola Power Station
- $55,000 for Robinson River generator upgrades
- $50,000 for Robinson River arts and crafts facility

“I have fought hard for the Barkly and Gulf over the past four years and delivered on my commitments to the region,” Mr McAdam said.

“As the local Member for Barkly in a second term Martin Labor Government I will continue to work hard for local residents, deliver on my commitments and keep the region moving ahead.”

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COSTINGS: Costs indicated throughout media statement. Please note that capital will be placed on the capital forward estimates program.