Tenders have been called for major road works from Ngukurr to Numbulwar Road in the Katherine Region.

The Acting Minister for Transport, Dr Chris Burns, said the project formed part of an election promise on Territory roads, with $1 million allocated in 2003/04 Budget as part of the second highest ever infrastructure spend ($434 million) in Territory history.

"This Government wants to ensure safe and reliable access for Territorians in remote communities," Dr Burns said.

"This project will involve the realignment, formation and gravelling of selected section of the road between Ngukurr and Numbulwar.

"These roadworks will strengthen and improve access to both communities, especially during wet weather periods."

Dr Burns said tenders for the project will close on 24 September, with the contract expected to be awarded by 10 October.