UNDERGROUNDING OF POWER IN NIGHTCLIFF
ON THE HOME STRETCH

The Northern Territory Government today announced that the undergrounding of power in Nightcliff is in its final stages.

Member for Nightcliff, Jane Aagaard, said work has just started on connecting the last 190 homes in Nightcliff to the underground power supply.

“This is great news for the residents of the coastal suburb who will now have a better power supply and a bonus of more attractive streetscapes,” Mrs Aagaard said.

Acting Minister for Essential Services, Marion Scrymgour said $13m of work has gone to local business and civil works were on track in Rapid Creek with contractors busy laying cables and tearing up footpaths.

“Despite constant calls from the Opposition to scrap this project the Martin Labor Government has delivered on its election promise of a vital infrastructure project for the people of Nightcliff,” Ms Scrymgour.

“Strong financial management has allowed the Northern Territory Government to contribute $3m a year to this project. Power and Water have supplied $1.2m a year in the partnership.

“Unbelievably, the Opposition insist that Power and Water “has to live within its own resources”* making an important infrastructure project like putting power underground in Nightcliff impossible.

“In even worse news for all Territorians, the Opposition want to double people’s power bills.

“The Martin Government gives Power and Water around $50m a year to cut the cost of household power.

“The Opposition decision to have Power and Water “live within its own resources”* means they would scrap this subsidy and charge householders the real cost of power.

“The Martin Labor Government recognises the huge burden this would place on Territory households and will continue the $50 million subsidy,” Ms Scrymgour said.

*Mr Richard Lim, CLP Shadow Minister for Essential Services, Press Release, 11 January 2007

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