The Northern Territory Government has called for tenders to complete stage one of the Tiger Brennan Drive extension.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Delia Lawrie, said the project was vital infrastructure for Darwin, Palmerston and rural area commuters.

“The Northern Territory Government’s $36 million investment in Tiger Brennan Drive will address the growing transport needs of the Darwin region," said Ms Lawrie.

“These works will help reduce traffic congestion during peak hours by making the Berrimah and Wishart Road intersections into dual turning lanes.

“Berrimah Road between Wishart Road and Tiger Brennan Drive will be increased from two to four lanes.

“This is part of the three year rolling works program to extend Tiger Brennan Drive to the Stuart Highway and Roystonea Avenue.”

Ms Lawrie said the upcoming Federal election would determine the future of the Tiger Brennan Drive extension.

“If a Rudd Government wins the election, the Tiger Brennan Drive extension will include an important flyover at the Stuart Highway – if a Howard Government wins, it won’t,” Ms Lawrie said.

“John Howard has offered $36 million and Kevin Rudd has offered $74 million for the project.

“With the residential growth in the Darwin rural area and the new Palmerston suburb of Bellamack, Tiger Brennan Drive extension is vital to the future of the Darwin region.”

Tenders for stage one of the project close on 5 December 2007 with construction expected to begin in the New Year.

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