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Channel Point Coastal Reserve Boat Ramp Goes Out To Tender

Fishing in the Territory is set to get even better following the Northern Territory Government’s call for tenders to build a concrete boat ramp at Channel Point Coastal Reserve, Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister Chris Natt said today.

“Channel Point Coastal Reserve near the Perron Islands has the potential to become one of the Territory’s great fishing destinations,” Mr Natt said.

“It is a spot well known for its range of popular fish – so you could expect to pretty much catch anything – such as barramundi, black jewfish, snapper and Spanish mackerel.

“And with all the improvements that have been made to the Reserve in recent times - such as the creation of a campground and construction of an internal road – it is set to become a great fishing destination for families to spend a few days off the beaten track.

“Fishing is more popular here than anywhere else and a huge part of our great Territory lifestyle and that is why we are building a boat ramp at Channel Point Coastal Reserve.

“The number of people who can access the site at any one time will be limited so the fishing experience at the Reserve will be quite unique.

“What we are announcing today is the second stage of the Channel Point Coastal Reserve boat ramp.

“The original cement stabilised foundation was laid last year so we are effectively calling tenders for the construction of the boat ramp, which will be about 5m wide and about 60-70m long.

“Depending on when construction begins and what the rest of the wet season is like, I would anticipate the boat ramp would be ready to use by the middle of 2008.”

Mr Natt said tenders for the $2.8 million East Arm boat ramp closed yesterday.

“Features of the $2.8 million East Arm facility will include an eight metre wide boat ramp that will be almost 70m long,” Mr Natt said.

“It will also have a 50m floating pontoon/walkway alongside the ramp for boat and passenger access as well as lighting for the access road, car park, ramp and pontoon.”
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