Ormiston Gorge has new Viewing Platform

The Northern Territory Government has provided $100,000 to construct a viewing platform over the magnificent Ormiston Gorge in Central Australia.

The Tourism Minister Chris Burns said the construction of the platform on the popular Ghost Gum Walk has added to the overall enjoyment of the gorge.

“The Northern Territory must do all it can to attract visitors and enhance tourists’ experiences. This will give the Territory the edge over other holiday destinations.

“In the current economic climate that is more important than ever.

“Investing in the Northern Territory’s parks is vital considering that an estimated 425,000 interstate and overseas holiday visitors included a visit to a Territory park in the last financial year. That represents or 65% of visitors to the Territory.”

The Parks and Wildlife Minister Alison Anderson said Ormiston Gorge with its rich red walls is one of the many spectacular sights walkers can experience along the Larapinta trail.

“The new platform juts out from one wall on the Ghost Gum Walk, enabling a spectacular view of the gorge, the river red gums and wallabies that make the area home.”

“By investing in our parks we are able to ensure visitors have a unique experience while we protect our environment.”

Dr Burns said the viewing platform complements the two shelters installed along the trail at a cost of $250,000 in 2007.