25 March 2009

Improving Power in Palmerston

Work has begun on a new $26 million Sub Station for Palmerston to meet the growing power demands of one of the Territory’s fastest growing areas.

Minister for Essential Services Rob Knight today inspected the work underway at the Archer Zone Substation.

“This new substation will provide increased capacity to the Palmerston region and improved flexibility for dealing with outages,” Mr Knight said.

“It will also service increased load growth as a result of new developments which are coming on line, including new residential subdivisions, the expansion of the Palmerston Shopping Centre and new developments in the CBD.

“Palmerston is growing quickly, there are more than 3700 residential blocks set to come on line in the next five years, this substation will service that demand for electricity.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to providing Territorians with the best power and water services for our growing population and demand.

“More than $1 billion is being invested into Power and Water over the next five-years on capital works and repair and maintenance programs; this substation is part of the that program.

“New power stations are also being constructed at Weddell in the Top End and in Alice Springs to meet increased future electricity demand.

“There are also further substations planned in Darwin City, East Arm, Lee Point, Palmerston, Marrakai, near Weddell and in Alice Springs.”
The new substation will be equipped with the latest technology.

Mr Knight said the project is estimated to cost $26.3 million with more than 90% of work and equipment to be awarded to local contractors or through local suppliers.

The substation is due for completion late next year.

*Media Contact: Katie Woolf 0420 972 505*

*Fresh Ideas, Real Results*