Growing the Territory: $18M for Industrial Land Release

Planning Minister, Gerry McCarthy, today announced Budget 2010 will deliver $18 million to release more industrial land that will help Territory businesses to grow.

“This funding will support the immediate needs of business and industry by providing land and services to expand now and into the future,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The Territory’s strong economy and burgeoning industries in the mining and resource sector has seen more and more businesses establish operations here.

“As part of the Henderson Government’s Growing the Territory plan, Budget 2010 invests in the Territory’s future economic development by providing room for new and expanding industries to develop.”

The $18 million will fund five Land Development Corporation projects including:

- $3 million to subdivide six new blocks ranging from 5000sqm to 6000sqm as part of the Casey Street subdivision near the new East Arm boat ramp for marine-related industries such as boat sales/hire/repair/storage and charter operations.
- $5 million to connect sewerage to current and future developments within the East Arm Marine Services Precinct, East Arm Commercial Precinct and the existing Hudson Creek Industrial Estate.
- $2.5 million to fill and service waterfront land at Muramats Road in Berrimah for the use of small ships and barges.
- $4.5 million for the construction of a haul road for the movement of fill from the Hidden Valley area to the East Arm Marine Services Precinct area. This haul road will form the basis for the future construction of an industrial arterial road servicing proposed Hidden Valley and Blesers Creek subdivisions.
- $3 million for stage two of the Defence Support Hub to build on stage one work underway.

Mr McCarthy said NT-based company Sage Contracting Pty Ltd was recently awarded the tender for stage one of the Defence Support Hub.

“Stage one includes four lots located near Robertson Barracks and increase opportunities for local businesses to capitalise on the large Australian Defence Force presence in northern Australia.

“The defence hub aims to attract local businesses to service the Defence Force and other industries that use similar technologies such as mining, oil and gas.”

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