Great Territory Lifestyle: $3M for new Palmerston Cycle Path

The Territory Government will continue to support the Great Territory Lifestyle with $3 million in Budget 2010 for a new cycle path connecting Palmerston to Darwin’s rural area.

Construction Minister, Gerry McCarthy, said the $3 million Palmerston to Howard Springs Cycle Path project would deliver approximately 5.5 kilometres of new cycle path.

“Territorians love the great outdoors and the Territory Government will continue to make our great Territory lifestyle even better,” Mr McCarthy said.

“This includes $3 million in Budget 2010 to build 5.5 kilometres of cycle path to connect Palmerston to Howard Springs.

“Increased access and safety on bikes will be a key feature of this project with new cycle paths built along the Stuart Highway and on to Howard Springs Road and Whitewood Road.”

This project represents a continuing Territory Government commitment to building new cycle paths and follows on from key projects last year including:

- A new cycle path along Roystonea Avenue which is currently under construction from University Avenue to Buscall Avenue that will link Palmerston centre to Farrar, Bakewell, Gunn and the new suburb of Johnston;
- Vanderlin Drive cyclepath from Stuart Highway to McMillans Road which is currently in the procurement phase;
- A new 1.2km cycle path along Berrimah Road; and
- A new 400m cycle path under the Daly Street Bridge.

“Riding your bike is a great way to exercise and socialise with your family, friends and neighbours and also plays a vital role in helping Territorians get to work or school,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The new $3 million cycle path from Palmerston to the rural area will create nine jobs in the construction phase and link to 70 kilometres of cycle paths across the Darwin and Palmerston network.”

Mr McCarthy said the Territory Government will soon release its new 5 year plan to improve the cycle network across Darwin, Palmerston and the rural area.

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