WORK UNDERWAY ON TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE UPGRADE

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Final works are now underway on the long awaited duplication of Tiger Brennan Drive between Dinah Beach Road and Woolner Road.

“This Government is reducing traffic congestion and getting motorists to and from home faster by spending $13 million on duplicating Tiger Brennan Drive between Dinah Beach Road and Woolner Road,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“This work is 100 per cent Territory Government funded. The Commonwealth has not put a single cent towards this major improvement to one of Darwin’s busiest roads.

“The Territory funded section of Tiger Brennan Drive is expected to be finished early next year which means an easier drive home for many Territorians.

“However, it is disappointing motorists will continue to face congestion on the section between Woolner Road and Berrimah Road, after the Federal Government pushed its funding for upgrades back until 2016/17.

“In the 2013 Federal Budget the Territory did not get a single dollar for road upgrades until 2016/17 beyond the current Nation Building Program,” Mr Giles said.

“This is yet another example of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Federal Labor MP Warren Snowdon ripping off Territory motorists.

“The Commonwealth should bring forward the funding needed for the rest of the Tiger Brennan Drive duplication between Woolner Road and Berrimah Road immediately.”

Infrastructure Minister Peter Styles said we rely on road infrastructure funding from the Australian Government to help grow the Territory, connecting businesses and producers with customers in Australia and overseas.

“The Territory Government is doing its part by investing in upgrades to its road network and it’s time for the Federal Government to spend its fair share,” Mr Styles said.

The work on the Dinah Beach Road to Woolner Road duplication is being carried out by local company Ostojic Group and is expected to employ more than 50 people over the course of the project.

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