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WORK TO BEGIN ON ARNHEM HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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Works will begin tomorrow on upgrading the Arnhem Highway at the Adelaide River floodplains, following a heavy Wet Season.

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said repairs would begin on various sections along the five kilometre stretch of highway to improve road safety and conditions of the road.

“During the significant amount of rain we received early this year, the Arnhem Highway suffered considerable damage that needs to be rectified,” Mr Styles said. “Our government is committed to ensuring the safety of all motorists, and with the increase of heavy vehicles utilising the road including tourists and cattle trucks as well as mining and oil and gas vehicles we need to ensure this highway is maintained.”

“In a region as diverse and vast as the Northern Territory, we rely on quality roads and infrastructure and this upgrade forms part of that critical investment in regional Australia.”

“The works will take two weeks to complete and will involve lane closures and temporary speed restrictions.

“Full traffic management will be in place, so please follow all directions and safety measures issued.

“The works will be undertaken by Allan King & Sons Constructions Pty Ltd at a cost of just under $700,000.

“We continue to operate regular maintenance and capital works upgrades on this road, to ensure improved access and safety for all road users.”

Mr Styles said discussions had been undertaken with the haulage industry to encourage night time travel where possible to minimise any impacts.

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