Joint Media Statement

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Tiger Brennan Drive: lights, commuters, action!

THE SWITCHING on of traffic lights between Dinah Beach and Woolner Roads today marked completion of the first section of works on Tiger Brennan Drive in Darwin.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss together with Federal Member for Solomon Natasha Griggs, NT Chief Minister Adam Giles and NT Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Peter Styles were on-site to mark the occasion.

Mr Truss said the Australian Government’s $70 million contribution to upgrade Tiger Brennan Drive is an investment in the Northern Territory’s future.

“Darwin is shaping up to be Australia’s gateway to Asia, and the Northern Territory is vital to our national economy with 55 per cent of Australia’s exports shipped from our northern ports,” Mr Truss said.

“Our upgrade here is the first section of duplication works on Tiger Brennan Drive, and the full upgrade to Palmerston will benefit commuters, freight operators and businesses in and around Darwin.”

Ms Griggs said the upgrade from one lane each way to two will make an enormous difference to the community.

“Currently, 18,000 vehicles travel along Tiger Brennan Drive each day, at an average speed of 60 kilometres per hour, which we expect to increase to 90 kilometres per hour once the full upgrade is completed,” Ms Griggs said.

“This upgrade means Palmerston residents and those from further afield can enjoy a quicker and safer commute into and out of the CBD, so they can spend more time with their families.”

Mr Giles said this project is evidence of two levels of government working together to build infrastructure that will reduce congestion and boost the productivity of the North.

“Roads are a key enabler of economic growth and projects like this will help ensure Northern Australia reaches its full potential,” Mr Giles said.
“Reducing traffic congestion and allowing motorists to get to and from home safer and quicker is a priority of both levels of government.

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Australian Government by contributing $33 million to better connect Territorians in the fast growing Top End.”

Mr Styles said the Dinah Beach Road section of the upgrade is the first section to be completed.

“A project manager will soon be appointed for stage two from Woolner Road to Berrimah Road, with construction due to start this year,” Mr Styles said.

The full upgrade of Tiger Brennan Drive is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

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