New preschools to be built in Barkly region following as $5.5 million investment under the Boosting Our Economy package

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Early years education in the Barkly region will experience a boost, with two new preschools being built under the Northern Territory Government's 'Boosting Our Economy' package.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said $5.5 million will be invested into the Barkly region to construct new preschools in Alpurrurulam and Ampilatwatja and to refurbish Tennant Creek Primary School.

“As part of the $100 million Boosting our Economy package, $68.5 million will be invested in growing and renewing school facilities right across the Territory,” he said.

“The Boosting Our Economy package is aimed at providing a pipeline of works for local businesses and ensuring the economy receives a much needed boost.

“This is a great investment into new and upgraded education facilities, giving Territory students a great learning environment to achieve high quality results.

“I am absolutely delighted that two new preschools will be built to cater for growth in early years students and to introduce quality early childhood education and care programs in the Alpurrurulam and Ampilatwatja communities.

Katrina Georgiou, Principal of Ampliatwatja School has shared the great news with the community.

“The community are so excited with the news of a new preschool as it will allow us to provide a pathway from our Families as First Teachers program, to preschool and then onto school," she said.

“This is just fantastic for the school, the students, teachers and the community and we cannot wait to see the building commence.”

Principal of Alpurrurulam School, Michael Alderman is sharing in the delight of the news of a new preschool for the local community.

Refurbishments at Tennant Creek Primary School will include repainting parts of the school and modernising classrooms.

Tennant Creek Primary School Principal, Tony Fahey said “the refurbishments will really brighten the school, creating a fresh and more welcoming learning space for the students, teachers and school community.”

Mr Chandler said the investment to grow and renew schools right across the Territory will bring forward works that
were identified by schools as current priorities.

“The Country Liberals Government is delivering on the plan to provide more jobs to Territorians, better services and improve our unique way of life.”

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