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Transport Capital Works for Palmerston and Litchfield

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The Country Liberals Budget 2016-17 will deliver economic strength, access, and growth to Palmerston and Litchfield.

Transport Minister Peter Chandler said “infrastructure is a high priority for the Northern Territory Government and roads, in particular, are of great importance to business, industry and the community in the Northern Territory.

“We all know that without reliable roads, efficient ports, good rail services and effective logistics infrastructure, we cannot sustain business activity, attract new investment, or expand our industries – all essential for growing the Territory’s economy.”

A total of $589.6 million is being invested in 2016-17 to deliver transport infrastructure for Territorians.

This includes:

- $495.9 million in Capital Works, including minor new work of $10.7 million for roads and $9.4 million for transport assets;
- $10 million to continue the Regional Economic Infrastructure Fund grants;
- $81.5 million in repairs and maintenance; and
- $2.25 million for infrastructure related expenses to plan for the future transport needs of Territorians.

“The focus of this Government is to unlock the potential of the Northern Territory by developing and maintaining a road network that supports job creation and economic development and growth.

The Country Liberals Government is pleased to announce the following Capital Works in Palmerston and Litchfield for the 2016-17 Budget.

Pinelands, McKinnon Road intersection upgrade - $6 million
The main objective of the project is to improve accessibility for road trains accessing Pinelands industrial area travelling inbound through the Stuart Highway / Tiger Brennan Drive interchange.

The Northern Territory Government 2016-17 budget has approved $6 million for this project.

It is expected that the project will commence with design starting in September 2016. The detailed design will be completed in February 2017 and construction works will be completed in late 2017.

Howard Springs to Coolalinga Cycle path - $1.5 million

The popular Howard Springs Cycle Path will be extended to the developing residential and commercial area of Coolalinga.

The new cycle and pedestrian path will extend the existing path network for commuter and recreational cyclists by around 4 km.

Project budget - $1.5 million.

“These new initiatives build on the substantial works underway in Palmerston and Litchfield including $57 million of road construction in Palmerston to cater for growth and economic development and $24.5 million to complete the seal on Litchfield Park Road and construct the Lower Finniss River Bridge.”

“Transport infrastructure is a key driver of economic development and has been specifically identified by the agricultural, resource, tourism and transport industries as requiring investment to improve industry performance and growth.

“Both Government and industry need to invest in improving our basic infrastructure to expand and maintain high standards for our road, port and rail networks.

“The Country Liberals Government recognises Transport access is an economic enabler. Increased Transport connectivity creates jobs, community, and prosperity for the Territory,” Mr Chandler said.

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