$26 Million for Palmerston Police Station means jobs and safer community

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Ahead of her first NT Budget, Treasurer Nicole Manison today announced $26 million for the new Palmerston Police Station.

Budget 17 will include an extra $11 million for Stage 2 of the station on top of the $15 million already fast-tracked last year for Stage 1.

It will mean the entire Palmerston Police Station is completed in one project and years earlier than planned which will deliver construction of a 24-hour police station, offering round the clock presence for the Palmerston community.

"The Territory Labor Government has listened to community concerns about crime and jobs and taken strong action – construction on this significant infrastructure project will begin early next year," Ms Manison said.

"Tenders for the design of the new facility have now closed and the successful design team will be announced later this month.

"A construction tender will be advertised later this year which is good news for the construction industry, Police and the Palmerston community who will soon have a 24-hour police station in its suburbs."

The NT Government will announce the site soon. Around 100 jobs are expected to be created during construction.

"Prior to the election, we promised that a Palmerston police station would be built, bringing a greater police presence and doubling the size of the existing facility - we are delivering on that promise," Ms Mansion said.

"Today's announcement will see the construction of this entire project happen years earlier than first planned because we have listened and taken action."

Ms Manison said the police station forms part of a number of measures the NT Government is implementing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Budget 17 including the re-introduction of the Banned Drinkers Register, a massive overhaul of the broken Youth Justice system, a $45M upgrade if the PROMIS system and more police officers.
"Budget 17 is a plan for our future and invests in jobs, children and safer, stronger communities," she said.

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