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TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES FEDERAL LABOR FUNDS FOR TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE

The Territory Government has welcomed today’s announcement by Federal Shadow Minister for Transport, Martin Ferguson and Labor Candidate for Solomon, Damian Hale, of a guaranteed $32 million for the Tiger Brennan Drive extension.

The Northern Territory Government has already committed $32 million to the project which means that if Labor is elected later this year the full $64 million will be available and the road will be built.

The money will be provided over 4 years in line with planned construction timetables.

In contrast, the Howard Government continues to play politics with this road. They refused to include any extra money for Tiger Brennan in their budget last week.

Transport Minister, Delia Lawrie, said she was delighted to see Federal Labor get behind the much needed project.

“This is great news, particularly for residents of Palmerston and the rural area who are sick and tired of being stuck in traffic,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The difference is now stark. If Labor is elected the road will be built. If the Howard Government is returned, then the whole project remains in jeopardy.

“Construction will begin next dry season. If Kevin Rudd is Prime Minister then it will be the whole project. If John Howard is Prime Minister then the project will have to be staged.

“Congratulations must go to Damian Hale, who in three months as a candidate, has already achieved more for this road in Canberra than Dave Tollner has in six years as the local member.”

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