INVESTING IN THE TERRITORY’S FUTURE WITH RECORD $870 MILLION CASH INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET

A record infrastructure budget of $870 million will be delivered in Budget 2008, investing in the Territory’s future.

Treasurer and Infrastructure Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the Budget 2008 will deliver more vital infrastructure for today and underpin economic development.

“The Henderson Government is investing in the future of the Territory with a record cash infrastructure budget of $870 million,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Since 2001, $4.3 billion has been invested in infrastructure across the Territory which has created jobs, driven the economy and attracted increased investment.

“We are building vital infrastructure to improve and increase the quality of services to all Territorians across roads, industry, health, education, law and order and recreation.

“The Territory is leading the nation in economic growth and Budget 2008 will ensure our infrastructure is in place so no opportunities are missed.”

Record Roads Budget

- A record $271 million spend for Territory roads will see more roads, built, sealed and upgraded delivering a safer, more efficient road network.

Development of East Arm Port

- $59.5 million for East Arm Port including:
  - $35 million for an overland conveyor.
  - $24.5 million for reclamation at East Arm Wharf and hardstand to expand the port.

Building our Industries

- $4.5 million for industrial land for strategic industry development. This includes:
  - $2.5 million for the Darwin Business Park.
  - $1 million for the Defence Support Hub.
  - $1 million to develop industrial land at the new East Arm Boat Ramp.
Power and Water

- The five year $748 million capital works program to deliver more power, water and sewerage infrastructure continues across the Territory.

Education

- $9.5 million is provided for the headworks at Rosebery for the two new schools in Palmerston.
- $19.7 million for school facility upgrades throughout the Territory.

Recreation

- $4.4 million to upgrade facilities at Litchfield National Park, part of a $7.5 million three year program.
- $5.2 million for Leanyer Recreation Park.
- $1 million for fishing infrastructure.
- $900,000 for stage 4 upgrades at Hidden Valley Raceway.

“The Territory is growing and Budget 2008 invests in infrastructure to meet the demands of the future,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The Henderson Government is delivering for Territory families by investing in infrastructure for today and the future.”

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