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$11.8 Million To Upgrade Tanami Road And Plenty Highway

An $11.8 million upgrade of the Tanami Road and Plenty Highway is set to support up to 50 jobs in Central Australia, Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie announced today.

“I congratulate local company John Holland Pty Ltd on being awarded the $11.8 million project to deliver much needed upgrades to the Tanami Road and Plenty Highway,” Ms Lawrie said.

“These roads are an important link from the Stuart Highway to many Indigenous communities and also provide pastoralists and tourists with vital access to the north-east and north-west of Alice Springs.

“Improving the condition of Territory roads and national highways is a key priority of the Henderson Government and that’s why we have boosted roads funding by 19% - or $51 million - to $322 million in Budget 09.

“Roads infrastructure spending will create jobs during construction, open up the Territory for greater economic investment and efficiency, and that means more jobs in our pastoral, mining and tourism sectors.”

As part of the $11.8 million project – which forms part of this year’s $19 million jointly funded Community, Beef and Mining Roads Program - the Tanami Road will be sealed along a 13.9km section that normally floods during the Wet Season.

The Plenty Highway will be improved along a 19.35km section including gravel re-sheeting, road widening and an upgrade to the floodway.

Ms Lawrie said tenders worth almost $2 million to improve the Wollogorang Road and Barkly Stock Route in the Tennant Creek region would be called from tomorrow.