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Budget 2010 Delivering Now for East Arnhem Families

The Henderson Government continues to invest in the East Arnhem region with more than $339.1 million to improve schools, hospitals, housing, roads and infrastructure.

The Minister for Indigenous Policy, Malanndirri McCarthy, said Budget 2010 was delivering now for families in East Arnhem.

“The Henderson Government is delivering now for families in East Arnhem with record spending to boost hospitals, schools community safety and housing,” Ms McCarthy said.

“Budget 2010 builds on the significant investment by the Henderson Government in the East Arnhem region over the past eight years that has boosted services, improved facilities and created economic opportunities.”

Member for Nhulunbuy, Lynne Walker, said Budget 2010 continued to invest in the future of East Arnhem and delivered key projects that will secure and create jobs in the region.

“This includes $3.8 million to build new staff accommodation at the Gove District Hospital, $14 million to upgrade Central Arnhem Road and $2 million for new classrooms at Yirrkala School.”

“Budget 2010 invests in Working Future, funding better services and supporting economic development for Indigenous Territorians.”

ROADS BOOST

Budget 2010 delivers $14 million in conjunction with the Australian Government towards upgrading the Central Arnhem Road. Work on the Mainoru River bridge will begin this dry season.

In addition Budget 2010 provides $20 million to seal 46 kilometres of the road from Angurugu to Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt.
BETTER HEALTH

Budget 2010 delivers $20.5 million for Gove District Hospital, up 85 per cent since 2001.

The Henderson Government is also providing $3.8 million to build 6 two-bedroom units for staff accommodation at the Gove District Hospital.

BETTER SCHOOLS

Budget 2010 will include $21.4 million for 170 additional teachers in remote schools as part of the four year 200 Extra Teachers for Remote Areas initiative funded by the Australian Government.

Yirrkala School will receive $2 million for a new classroom block which will complete the primary school revitalisation plan.

Nhulunbuy Primary School will benefit from $300,000 to upgrade new learning facilities.

While $600,000 for Yirrkala Homeland Learning Centres at Rurrangala and Biranybirany will deliver new classroom facilities.

Shepherdson Homeland Learning Centre at Mirrngatja will also receive $300,000 for new classroom facilities.

TAX CUTS TO SUPPORT HOME OWNERSHIP

Budget 2010 delivers tax cuts that will save first home buyers up to $26,730, senior Territorians $8500 and principal place of residence buyers $3500 when buying a home.

The stamp duty exemption for first home buyers increases from the first $385,000 to $540,000, saving home buyers up to $26,730.

The Henderson Government is introducing a new concession for senior Territorians and Pensioner and Carer Concession Card holders, reducing stamp duty by $8500.

In addition, the principle place of residence rebate has increased from $2500 to $3500.

Budget 2010 delivers an increase in the HomeStart NT purchase price caps and income limits, making the scheme accessible to more Territorians.
MORE JOBS AND TRAINING

Budget 2010 continues the Henderson Government’s record investment to get more Territorians into a job or training including $5.74 million for vocational education and training to be delivered by Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers.

WORKING FUTURE

The Budget delivers $86.8 million for land servicing and essential service infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns in the East Arnhem region.

As part of Working Future $18.8 million is provided for new police stations and officer accommodation at Ramingining and Gapuwiyak.

While $2 million will upgrade cyclone shelters in coastal communities with $600,000 for a cyclone shelter in Galinwin’ku.

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