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Major upgrade underway to Jenkins Road

Construction is underway on a major upgrade to Jenkins Road to provide better access to the new city of Weddell and future oil and gas developments at Middle Arm.

Minister for Lands and Planning, Gerry McCarthy joined the Member for Daly, Rob Knight to announce construction has started on a $1.3 million project for new traffic lights at the intersection of Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road.

This is on top of two-staged $14 million project already underway to seal fourteen kilometres of Jenkins Road from Stuart Highway to Finn Road, and Finn Road to Channel Island Road, jointly funded by the Territory Government and the Ichthys LNG Project.

“This is a direct investment into infrastructure to support future investment under our Growing the Territory strategy,” Minister McCarthy said.

The Member for Daly said the project provided a valuable improvement to roads for locals and a boost to local employment.

“Jenkins road is a vital link to the new city of Weddell, as well as supporting future oil and gas developments at Middle Arm,” Minister Knight said.

“The $7.2 million Stage One contract is being delivered by local company Ostojic Group Pty Ltd and supports 30 jobs, including 3 indigenous employees,” Minister Knight said.

“The $6.8 million contract to deliver Stage Two was awarded to local company East Arm Civil Pty Ltd and is supporting more than 50 local jobs – including 9 indigenous employees and exceeding their indigenous employment targets,” Minister Knight said.

INPEX and Ichthys joint venture Total invested $9 million into upgrading Jenkins Road and to help deliver a high grade road to the community for the future and will help alleviate pressure on roads in the Palmerston area during construction of the planned Ichthys LNG Project.

On top of this, INPEX and Ichthys joint venture Total have invested $4 million into improving the intersection at the Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road, as well as the intersection of the Arnhem Highway and Stuart Highway.

The Jenkins Road upgrade is expected to be completed by first quarter 2012.

For more information go to www.growingnt.nt.gov.au
Major upgrade to Jenkins Road includes:

Stage One includes:
- Construction of a bridge at Bennett Creek
- Culvert crossing at Bees Creek
- Upgrading of flood ways
- Sealing of Jenkins Road to Finn Road

Stage Two includes:
- Sealing of Jenkins Road from Finn Road to Channel Island Road
- Improvement of Jenkins Rd/ Channel Island Rd intersection including the installation of street lighting
- Water main diversion and relocation of power poles
- Construction of culverts

Intersection Upgrade
- Installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road (including earthworks, lengthening and widening of lanes for the movement of heavy vehicles, line marking, and street lights).