MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM DELIVERS FOR THE WHOLE OF THE TERRITORY

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The Territory Government has delivered a responsible budget with a $1.2 billion infrastructure program set to benefit all Territorians.

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Styles said the 2013 budget would see much needed infrastructure facilities delivered across the Territory.

“The Country Liberals are committed to increasing the construction and upgrade of much needed essential service facilities throughout the Territory,” he said.

“We have pushed out a responsible budget and one that has found the right balance to achieve the best for all Territorians.”

Enhancing services
- $139.6 million towards Remote Indigenous Housing capital works
- $32.25 million for repairs and maintenance grants, under the joint Commonwealth and Territory governments’ Remote Indigenous Housing Program and Stronger Futures
- $44.6 million for government employee housing for more nurses, teachers and police in remote communities
- $48.6 million for the upgrade and construction of health clinics and family centres including:
  - $25 million to continue the construction and upgrade of the Ntaria, Papunya, Elliott, Ngukurr and Galiwinku health clinics
  - $16.6 million for the construction and upgrade of remote health clinics at Canteen Creek, Numbulwar, Kaltukatjara and Maningrida
  - $7 million for continued construction of child and family centres at Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Ngukurr and Yuendumu
- $5.47 million to continue delivery of trade training centres in Ngukurr, Groote Eylandt and West Arnhem College

This builds on nearly $1 million of minor new works for Angurugu, Milyakburra and Gapuwiyak schools

Improving Territory lifestyle
The 2013 budget focuses on delivering infrastructure to enhance sporting and recreational facilities, as well as upgrading road infrastructure to keep all Territorians connected to essential services.

This includes;
- $5.3 million for the upgrade of Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex to resurface the track circuit and finalise construction of concrete barriers
- $1.35 million to introduce and upgrade cycling tracks at Casuarina Coastal Reserve and Alice Springs Telegraph Station and upgrade walking tracks at Nitmiluk National Park, Litchfield National Park, Casuarina Coastal Reserve and George Brown Botanic Gardens.
- $500,000 for upgrades to the Alice Springs drag strip
- $260,000 to provide additional shade shelters at Palmerston Water Park and Larakia Football Stadium as well as $150,000 to install a child safety barrier and shade structures over pools at Howard Springs; and

“The enviable Territorian lifestyle is valued highly by our community, and this is something our government has committed to deliver on,” Mr Styles said.

Keeping our community safe
- $10.9 million for the expansion of police facilities in Alice Springs
- $11.35 million for the repairs and maintenance of police, fire and emergency services facilities
- $9.4 million to construct a multi-purpose police station and accommodation at Arlparra
- $5 million towards a Justice Precinct in Alice Springs
- $1.5 million for expanded accommodation for a joint Emergency Services Communications Centre at the Peter McAulay Centre; and
- $1 million to establish a standalone Youth Justice Court in Darwin

This builds on nearly $500,000 committed to refitting the standard court facilities at the Darwin Supreme Court to enable an additional criminal court.

“We are committed to keeping our community safe and this can help be achieved through new and upgraded facilities,” Mr Styles said.

Connecting the Territory
- $41.4 million for continued works on the Marine Supply Base, with operations expected to commence in 2013
- $29.6 million to continue stream crossing upgrades at Goyder River and Badalngarmirri River, and targeted pavement upgrades on the Central Arnhem Road
- $17 million for strengthening and widening targeted sections and safety improvements including overtaking lanes on the Arnhem Highway
- $9.1 million to upgrade, strengthen and widen urban and local roads
- $5 million to upgrade the Charlotte River crossing on Fog Bay Road, including construction of a new bridge to allow for better access to fishermen and women
- $5 million for continuation of the upgrade and seal of targeted sections on Tanami Road

The Country Liberal Government has also committed a further $12.1 million to continue sealing Namatjira Drive as part of the Mereenie Loop, to continue the Urban Arterial Traffic Management Program as well as continuing the Roads to Recovery Program to target local roads.
Budget 2013 provides $287 million for Territory roads and national highways, including $95 million for repairs and maintenance.

**Investing in our future**
- $43.2 million towards repairs and maintenance
- $2 million for Woodroffe Primary School to extend the Pandanus Centre and provide two new special education classrooms; and

Further to this is an additional $1.2 million set for upgrades and new facilities to Darwin High School, Larrakeyah Primary School and Karama Primary School.

**Building our economy**
- More than $25 million for continuing headworks at Kilgariff in Alice Springs and to provide new suburbs at Palmerston East
- $15 million for the second stage of water supply construction works at Middle Arm Industrial Precinct
- $3.4 million to redevelop existing public housing complexes across the Territory

**Continued investment of Health Facilities**
- $29.6 million for continuing remediation works and upgrades of the Alice Springs Hospital
- $16 million to continue upgrades at the Royal Darwin Hospital to increase the number of beds in emergency department and Short Stay Unit and to provide an additional two operating theatres
- $13 million to upgrade the emergency department at Gove District Hospital
- $5 million for a hospital scoping study and master plan for the Greater Darwin region

The Territory Government will also invest nearly $1.5 million towards;
- The construction of car parks at the Royal Darwin Hospital campus
- The construction of a new paediatric ensuite at the Gove District Hospital; and
- The refurbishment of old birthing room / operating theatres at the Royal Darwin Hospital to provide additional consulting rooms

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