



Media Release

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Litchfield National Park infrastructure upgrades now open for tender

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The Territory Government is investing \$10.43m in Budget 2015-16 to deliver key infrastructure upgrades at Litchfield National Park to enhance visitor experiences and prepare for the new influx of tourists.

“Litchfield National Park is a visually spectacular landscape that is rich in culture, flora and fauna. It is renowned for spectacular waterfalls, safe swimming and opportunities to experience the rugged landscapes of the Top End, as well as being recognised as a premier conservation reserve for its high biodiversity and large number of species of conservation of value,” Minister Price said

“As one of the Territory’s most popular tourist attractions it plays a key role in supporting, building and enhancing the Territory’s tourism industry and the Territory’s reputation as a must see/do destination.

“Facilities and infrastructure at the Park are struggling to meet increased demand due to its rising popularity so these upgrades are important and timely.”

“This \$10.43m investment is part of the Country Liberals Government’s record infrastructure spend and is a recognition of the importance infrastructure plays in the development of Northern Australia.” Minister Price said

Delivering these upgrades will assist Tourism NT in trying to meet its target *To grow the visitor economy in the Northern Territory to \$2.2bn by 2020 as measured by overnight expenditure.*

The tenders for some of these works which are about to be released to market are;

- Sandy Creek Campground redesign to provide seven additional campsites and constructing a new toilet block.
- Magnetic Termite Mounds Site new boardwalk around the cathedral termite mound including fencing and stabilisation, upgrades to the existing boardwalk and a new toilet block.

- Florence Falls Car Park redesigning of the day-use area car and coach parking to accommodate more vehicles and developing a new coach parking area.

The Member for Daly Gary Higgins said he was looking forward to the improvements at the park.

“I’ve said all along – Litchfield is a jewel – and it’s fantastic to see a commitment on improvements to the park coming to fruition,” Mr Higgins said.

“These infrastructure projects will improve accessibility and enrich visitor and local experiences of the park. This is a great step forward.”

Minister for Infrastructure Peter Chandler said he is thrilled to see the first round of construction tenders go to market and looks forward to following their progress.

“This is one project of many, that the Country Liberals Government is delivering to support the development of Northern Australia,

“Infrastructure projects create real jobs and opportunities for local contractors and small businesses.” Mr Chandler said.

Once works commence access to some of the facilities may be restricted for safety reasons until construction is complete. However, visitor disruption will be kept to a minimum where possible. Details of any proposed closure dates will be advertised as soon as possible after award of contracts.

For further information on Tenders go to <https://tendersonline.nt.gov.au/Tender/ListCurrent>

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