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Tenders Called to Begin Work at Channel Point

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts (NRETA) has called for tenders to begin infrastructure development at Channel Point Coastal Reserve.

NRETA's Parks and Wildlife Service northern region manager Dave West said development would be a vital step towards improving the reserve's fishing and camping opportunities.

"Stakeholders have been consulted and all clearances have been obtained to commence works, so the time is right to move forward with the next stage of development," Mr West said.

"This stage will involve the construction of internal road and camping areas.

"Other work at this stage will include the drilling of a bore by NRETA's Land and Water division so visitors will eventually have access to clean water.

"But of most importance right now is the fact road development will open up a great recreational spot for tourists and locals."

Mr West said works complementing the bore drilling would be the supply and fit of a water tank and stand, as well as an electric bore pump.

He said an underground water poly pipe would be supplied and installed from Parks compound to Channel Point camping ground following the new road, with connection to a Telstra phone line to also be installed.

Other works during this stage of development include installing fire breaks and fencing.

Mr West said tenders were open for the Channel Point Coastal Reserve access road and campground until 7th June, with more information available at <http://www.nt.gov.au/dcis/> or by calling 8999 1931.

"Development is expected to commence in the first half of the next financial year and if all goes according to plan, we anticipate opening the reserve to visitors later this year," he said.

"At this stage the opening is scheduled for late September/early October but this is contingent upon works being completed on time."

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