



northern territory

Budget 2006

building the territory's future

Fact Sheet

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Territory Government is building the future through strong infrastructure budgets. In Budget 2006 the Territory Government has committed \$482 million cash to capital works, minor new works and repairs and maintenance. In addition Government commitments will result in \$100 million being spent on the Darwin Waterfront and Convention Centre.

The construction industry provides thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly for Territorians. The Government's high level of infrastructure spending supports jobs for Territorians, work for local business and a flow on through the whole economy.

\$2.7 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING

Since 2001 \$2.7 billion has been allocated in cash to infrastructure projects. This is an unprecedented level of support for Building the Territory.

THE DARWIN WATERFRONT AND CONVENTION CENTRE

The Government is investing in the important Darwin Convention Centre and Waterfront.

Government commitments will see \$100 million spent on the Waterfront in 2006-07.

This project will underpin the Territory's construction industry for the next 15 years and add a new economic dimension to our tourism industry.

SPENDING ON ROADS

The infrastructure program for Territory roads and national highways is \$134.9 million in Budget 2006.

This includes new and ongoing expenditure of:

- \$29 million to continue the improvements to the Victoria Highway, making this stretch of road more reliable.
- \$13.9 million for the Mereenie Loop Road
- \$6.1 million for upgrading various sections of the National Highways that have failed to meet current standards
- \$6.1 million for local *Roads to Recovery*
- \$4.5 million for the Litchfield Loop Road
- \$2 million for the Outback Highway
- \$1.3 million upgrading the Maryvale Road
- \$700,000 for the Blackspot Program to improve safety and reduce the road toll
- \$500,000 additional bringing to \$1 million expenditure on the Sandover Highway

Work will continue on upgrading the Central Arnhem Road, the Point Stuart Road and the Lasseter Highway.



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STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDS THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE

The Government will invest in key infrastructure projects. These include:

- \$8.6 million for the Desert People's Centre in Alice Springs
- \$1.3 million for Mt John Valley head works in Alice Springs
- \$1.345 million to replace the Power Station at Canteen Creek
- \$1.1 million for upgrading Fisherman's Wharf
- \$1 million for better gorge crossovers at Nitmiluk park
- \$1 million for the container crane upgrade at the East Arm Port
- \$730 000 to drill and equip new bores on Nguiu

POWER WATER INVESTMENT

The Power Water Corporation will invest \$87.1 million in capital works and \$39.8 million in repairs and maintenance in Budget 2006. This year improving supply reliability and increasing capacity is the strategic aim.

Specifically:

- \$25 million for new power generation capacity in Darwin
- \$7.5 million for new generation unit in Alice Springs
- \$5 million for a new Archer zone substation in Palmerston
- Continuing the *Undergrounding Powerlines Project*
- \$2.5 million for completion of an upgrade to the Katherine effluent disposal system

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Housing Territorians is important to the Territory's future.

Budget 2006 continues the strong spending program that the Government has provided since 2001. This year:

- \$4 million for new or replacement government housing in remote communities
- \$3 million for government employee housing upgrades
- \$2 million for tailored upgrades of public housing in urban centres
- \$2 million to redevelop public housing unit complexes such as Blain St in Tennant Creek and Runge St in Coconut Grove
- \$6.7 million for minor new works for housing

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Budget 2006 provides funds to build important community infrastructure.

Specifically:

- \$20 million for school repairs and maintenance
- \$9.3 million for Palmerston High School
- \$2.5 million to rebuild Wugular School
- \$800 000 for new classrooms in support of special needs students at Humpty Doo School
- \$1 million for Flynn Drive renal facilities
- \$500 000 for Yirrkala Health Clinic upgrade