



Northern Territory

Budget 2007

jobs, growth, lifestyle

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Territory Government invests in the future and lifestyle of every Territorian through its investment in infrastructure. Infrastructure spending also creates jobs and has a flow on effect through the whole economy.

The Government spreads this spending throughout the year, over different regions and projects – from large contracts to small – to ensure that Territory industry, regardless of size or location, is given an opportunity to tender for Government work.

Budget 2007 provides \$645 million in cash to capital works, minor new works and repairs and maintenance.

INVESTING IN ROADS

Budget 2007 delivers a \$180 million infrastructure program for Territory roads and national highways. Grants have also been made to local government for some local roads.

This Budget provides for a \$35 million increase in repairs and maintenance over the next four years – a major boost.

Specific projects include:

- \$10 million for Tiger Brennan Drive
- \$10.5 million ongoing for the Red Centre Way
- \$45.9 million ongoing for the Victoria Highway

\$3.3 BILLION CASH FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Since 2001, \$3.3 billion has been allocated in cash to infrastructure projects.

\$814 MILLION FOR POWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Investing in infrastructure is investing in the future of the Territory. The most important investments we can make are those associated with essential services.

Over the next five years, \$592 million will be spent on capital works and \$222 million on repairs and maintenance, with a continued strategic focus on improving supply reliability and increasing capacity.

Works planned for 2007-08 include:

- \$48.4 million for Weddell Power Station
- \$15.1 million for Brewer Estate Power Station
- \$8.4 million to continue undergrounding power
- \$6.3 million for Archer Zone Substation
- \$4 million for Howard East Borefield
- \$3 million for East Arm wastewater treatment plant
- \$2.5 million for Hudson Creek System Control Centre
- \$2.1 million for sewer relining program



Infrastructure

EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Since 2001, the Territory Government has spent \$271.5 million on capital works, minor new works, and repairs and maintenance for employment, education and training.

Budget 2007 allocates \$36.8 million in ongoing funds and \$46.4 million in the new program.

This includes:

- \$1 million for Wanguri Primary and \$1 million for Millner Primary school upgrades
- \$1 million for Ross Park Primary School
- \$570 000 for upgrading Katherine High School
- \$5 million for Borroloola Community Education Centre
- \$8.1 million for the Desert People's Centre in Alice Springs
- \$6.2 million for minor new works
- \$22 million for repairs and maintenance

Budget 2007 sees the second year of \$49.6 million to build and develop middle schools throughout the Territory. In particular:

- Completing the new \$20 million middle school at Darwin campus
- \$11.1 million to redevelop Palmerston High School
- \$4.6 million to redevelop Taminmin High School

Also ongoing is a \$3.7 million project to build a new primary school at Wugularr.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Investing in community development secures the future of the Territory. 2007-08 funding includes:

- \$90.2 million in new housing programs across the Territory including \$55.5 million for Indigenous housing
- \$7 million for the Bellamack subdivision
- \$6 million for a new Emergency Department at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$4.8 million for a new police station at Casuarina
- \$1.5 million for cyclone shelter facilities at Nightcliff, Casuarina and Taminmin High Schools
- \$1.2 million for sealing the airstrip at Warruwi

SUPPORTING THE TERRITORY LIFESTYLE

This year the Government will fund community infrastructure to support the Territory lifestyle, including:

- \$6 million for the development of Flagstaff Park at Myilly Point
- \$4.8 million for a netball facility at Marrara
- \$2.8 million for the East Arm boat ramp
- \$500 000 for other fishing infrastructure
- \$500 000 for stage 3 upgrades of Hidden Valley