

## Introduction

*Budget Paper No. 4* details the Territory's Infrastructure Program for 2007-08.

The infrastructure program covers the development and maintenance of Northern Territory infrastructure. The program comprises capital projects, both capital works and capital grants, repairs and maintenance, and infrastructure-related payments across Territory Government sectors. Capital works may span more than one budget year, whereas capital grants, repairs and maintenance, and infrastructure-related payments are usually completed in the budget year.

The highlights of the Infrastructure Program for 2007-08 include:

- total infrastructure payments of \$645 million, up \$109 million from 2006-07;
- total repairs and maintenance of \$192 million, a 10 per cent increase on 2006-07; and
- significant construction on a number of large projects which have been under development for several years including:
  - Red Centre Way (Mereenie Loop);
  - Desert Knowledge Precinct;
  - Victoria Highway;
  - Darwin Waterfront Development; and
  - Middle Years schooling projects.

## Total Infrastructure Payments

In 2007-08 the Territory's total infrastructure payments are estimated to be \$645 million. This includes \$445 million assigned to capital projects and the remaining \$200 million funding repairs and maintenance and infrastructure-related expenses. This compares to the estimated payments for 2006-07 of \$536 million, as shown in Table 1.

The infrastructure payments include the Territory's government owned corporation (GOC), Power and Water Corporation, which has increased its capital investments and repairs and maintenance program to \$190 million in 2007-08.

The total infrastructure payments do not include the Territory's contribution towards the community infrastructure and the Darwin Convention Centre, as part of the Darwin Waterfront Development. This expenditure is expected to be around \$68.3 million in 2007-08.