

2008-09 Budget

Delivering for Territory Families

FACT SHEET

Infrastructure

Budget 2008 provides \$870 million in cash for capital works, minor new works and repairs and maintenance. Since 2001, \$4.3 billion in cash has been allocated to infrastructure to build our Territory.

Investing in Roads

Budget 2008 delivers a record \$271 million infrastructure program for Territory roads and national highways, including a \$14 million increase in repairs and maintenance to a total of \$71 million.

The Territory Government is working with the Commonwealth on a number of infrastructure projects.

The Tiger Brennan Drive Extension project continues with the total project to cost \$110 million, made up of:

- \$10 million for stage 1 – duplication of Berrimah Road from Wishart Road to Tiger Brennan Drive
- \$89 million for stage 2 – extension from Berrimah Road to the Stuart Highway including the Stuart Highway/Roystonea Avenue intersection
- \$11 million for stage 3 – Berrimah Road rail overpass

Other road projects include:

- \$35.8 million multi-year project for Victoria Highway
- \$4.3 million for level crossing upgrades
- \$3.5 million for Maryvale Road upgrade
- \$4 million for road access to Pine Hill horticulture area

Essential Infrastructure

Budget 2008 includes projects valued at \$59.5 million to improve bulk ship loading productivity and environmental impacts at the Port of Darwin including:

- \$35 million for an overland conveyor
- \$24.5 million for reclamation at East Arm Wharf and a hardstand

Over the next five years, \$748 million will be spent on capital works for electricity, water and sewerage infrastructure and \$258 million on repairs and maintenance, including:

- \$126.6 million for Weddell Power Station
- \$8.5 million for Darwin River Dam wall
- \$41.7 million to relocate the Alice Springs Power Station to the Brewer Estate

Industrial and Residential Land

Budget 2008 provides for the development of industrial and residential land including:

- \$2.5 million for Darwin Business Park
- \$1 million for Defence Support Hub
- \$1 million to develop industrial land to accommodate East Arm frontage
- \$8.3 million for continuing headworks at Bellamack and Mt Johns to meet the needs of a growing population

Land is also being released at Lyons and Muirhead, with planning commencing for the Berrimah Farm subdivision.

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Health Infrastructure

Budget 2008 provides a capital grant of \$5.5 million to the Menzies School of Health Research to expand facilities. Other health upgrades and improvements are:

- \$4.5 million for a new health clinic at Milingimbi
- \$2.6 million for sobering-up shelters in Katherine and Tennant Creek
- \$12.5 million for upgrades to Alice Springs Hospital, including work for the new Emergency Department

Education Infrastructure

Since 2001, the Territory Government has spent \$347 million on capital works, minor new works and repairs and maintenance for employment, education and training facilities.

Budget 2008 allocates \$81 million for education infrastructure projects, including:

- \$2 million each for Alawa, Nakara and Leanyer primary schools
- \$1 million for Malak Primary School
- \$2 million for Ross Park Primary School
- \$0.5 million for Jingili Primary School
- \$6.2 million to upgrade community education centres at Yuendumu, Yirrkala, Ramingining, Ngukurr and Alekarrange
- \$4 million to convert Arlparra and Yilpara homeland learning centres to schools
- \$6.3 million for minor new works
- \$26.81 million for repairs and maintenance

\$9.5 million is also provided for headworks at Rosebery for the two new schools to be opened in 2011.

Prison Infrastructure

Budget 2008 provides \$13.9 million to accommodate rising prisoner numbers in Darwin and Alice Springs. Design will commence for the new 1000-bed prison on a greenfield site in Darwin.

Investing in Community Development

Investing in community development secures the future of the Territory. 2008-09 funding includes:

- \$203 million for housing infrastructure including \$48.3 million for capital works and \$20 million for grants under the Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program
- \$3 million for cyclone shelters
- \$1.5 million for upgrading the airstrip at Minjilang
- \$1.5 million for a community pool in Litchfield Shire
- \$0.5 million for the Humpty Doo bus interchange

Supporting the Territory Lifestyle

This year the Territory Government will fund community infrastructure to support the Territory lifestyle. This includes:

- \$5.2 million to upgrade Leanyer Recreation Park, featuring new water slides
- \$4.4 million for upgrades to Litchfield National Park visitor facilities
- \$0.9 million towards the upgrades at Hidden Valley Raceway facilities
- \$1 million for recreational fishing infrastructure improvements