

Adelaide River Flood Plain – Stage 2 New section of Arnhem Highway opened to traffic

A newly upgraded 3 kilometre section of a vital road connection between Darwin, Jabiru and Kakadu National Park has opened to traffic.

The \$31.66 million package of works sees the delivery of the second stage of the Adelaide River Flood Plain Arnhem Highway Upgrades, which includes a new 4-span bridge at the Beatrice Hill Causeway.

The upgrades will reduce flood effects and improve safety and access on the Arnhem Highway.

The new 3 kilometre section of road was switched over to traffic on 18 May 2023.

The upgrades will see many benefits including:

- reducing wet season flood effects and frequency and duration of road closures/restrictions
- improving road safety and access for residents in the Jabiru and West Arnhem regions
- improving access to supply quarry materials to the Darwin construction industry
- improving the reliability for primary producers to use the route to bring products to the port and local markets
- improving the reliability of the route to transport tourists
- improving the reliability for Defence to access training areas at Mt Bundy
- supporting current and future demand on the route from local industry, cattle and tourism industries.

The project created 164 jobs, including 36 for Indigenous workers and subcontractors.

A total of 98 subcontractors and suppliers in the Darwin region supported the project, including 4 Indigenous business enterprises.

Local contractor Allan King and Sons Constructions Pty Ltd will continue to remove sections of the old Arnhem Highway with minor remaining works to continue on site until approximately July 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the Northern Territory Government at dhip.dipl@nt.gov.au or call 8936 5668.

