

Adelaide River Floodplain Stage 2 – Beatrice Hill Causeway

The Northern Territory Government is delivering a second stage of the Adelaide River Floodplain Upgrade to reduce flooding and improve safety and access on the Arnhem Highway.

The Stage 2 program is worth more than \$29.52 million and is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory governments. This second stage will upgrade a 3km section of the Arnhem Highway with a new four-span bridge at the Beatrice Hill Causeway.

Work on Stage 2 will start in June 2021. The bulk of the earthworks for Stage 2 are scheduled for completion by June 2022. Following completion of the bulk earthworks on the new alignment (north of the existing Arnhem Highway) up to nine months' consolidation period is needed to compress underlying soft soils. Allowing for this consolidation period before building permanent pavements and structures will reduce further movement under the road and minimise ongoing maintenance costs.

Once the consolidation is completed, the bridge and remaining road works will proceed (approximately late 2022 to early 2023), then ultimate completion of the Stage 2 works is anticipated by late 2023.

The benefits of the project include;

- Reduced wet season flood effects and frequency and duration of road closures/restrictions
- Improved road safety and access for residents in the Jabiru and West Arnhem regions
- Improved access for supply of quarry materials to the Darwin construction industry
- Improved reliability for primary producers to use the route to bring product to the port and local markets
- Improved reliability of the route to transport tourists
- Improved 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

Traffic may experience some minor delays with speed restrictions and lane closures in the area during construction delivery of Stage 2 and should allow extra time. The project team will work with affected businesses and residents to mitigate construction impacts.

A map showing the location of works is overleaf.

For any queries or further information about the project, please email communications.dipl@nt.gov.au or call the project hotline number on 1800 560 308.

