



Media Release

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Woolner Work to Start

Darwin City Council has approved the construction of a roundabout in Woolner Road as part of its 2008/09 Black Spot Program. The Contract has been awarded and work will commence on Monday 29 June 2009. The awarded contract value is over \$2.3 million plus additional works to be undertaken by Darwin City Council.

Woolner Road is an important link between two of Darwin's major arterial roads, the Stuart Highway and Tiger Brennan Drive and provides vital access for the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service. It has an estimated current daily volume well in excess of 10,000 vehicles per day. In addition, Woolner Road serves two public bus routes and provides access to and from Darwin Central Business Zone, industrial and residential areas.

The Lord Mayor of Darwin, Graeme Sawyer stresses the importance of these works in maintaining efficient traffic flows "This intersection has been identified as a black spot, it is a lot of money to spend but we must focus on safety first" he Said.

NT Minister for Infrastructure, Delia Lawrie MLA cited the Woolner Road project as another example of Government and Council working together to eliminate wasteful duplication and deliver real outcomes. "Just like the Smith Street connection working together we can achieve something timely for the community" she said. "The NT Government was happy to support this application for Federal Government Black Spot funding".

Damian Hale MHR - Member for Solomon will be representing The Hon Anthony Albanese MHR Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. As Chairman of the Black Spots Funding Committee it is fitting that Mr Hale MHR is present to launch this project. The Federal Government has committed significance amounts of funding to the Black Spots program, boosting Black Spots funding from \$50 million to \$110 million.

Works on the Woolner Road project will be completed well before the Wet Season and Darwin City Council will be keeping local resident informed on the progress as to minimize disruption to traffic flows.

What: Media Conference Woolner Road Project Announcement
When: 1pm, Friday 12 June 2009
Where: Woolner Road, Woolner
Who: Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer – Damian Hale MHR, Member for Solomon - NT Minister for Infrastructure, Delia Lawrie MLA

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