

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Infrastructure Works in North East Arnhem Land

- 1. The answer to Written Question 345 advised design for barge landing improvements at Galiwin'ku and Ramingining is scheduled for development in 2022-23. Please advise on the progress of these works.**

Design work for barge landing improvements is scheduled to commence this financial year. Construction works are expected to be delivered in 2024-25, subject to obtaining relevant approvals.

- 2. What consultation process regarding Galiwin'ku and Ramingining barge landing design has already occurred? Will there be any further opportunity for community consultation with TOs and relevant stakeholders to have input into the barge landing design?**

In 2018, barge operators and key community stakeholders were consulted to gain input on the current and future use of the barge landings, which in turn will inform the barge landing upgrade designs.

Traditional Owners will be consulted on the final design as part of the Northern Land Council (NLC) approval process.

Other key stakeholders will be consulted during project development stages.

- 3. The answer to Written Question 345 advised design for barge landing improvements at Gapuwiyak was scheduled for development in 2022. Please advise on the progress of these works.**

Design is being prepared for final consultation with key stakeholders, including Traditional Owners, through the NLC.

Construction of the first stage of the upgrades is planned for the 2023 dry season, subject to stakeholder endorsement and final clearances.

4. What was the consultation process regarding Gapuwiyak barge landing design? Will there be any further opportunity for community consultation with TOs and relevant stakeholders to have input into the barge landing design?

In 2018, barge operators and key community stakeholders were consulted to gain their input on the current and future use of the barge landing, which in turn has informed the design of the upgrades for the barge landing.

Further consultation has been undertaken with the barge operator that services Gapuwiyak community and local police to inform the design. In mid-2022, an update by staff from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics was provided at a Gapuwiyak Local Authority meeting.

Community stakeholders will be consulted in early 2023 to seek confirmation that the design addresses current and future needs. Traditional Owners will be consulted on the final design as part of the NLC approval process.

5. The 22/23 Budget allocated a total \$120 million for upgrades to the Central Arnhem Highway. Please advise the costings for work completed this financial year to date. Additionally, please advise the costings for work scheduled to be completed by the end of 22/23 financial year.

A total of 15 contracts have been awarded to for planning, design, scoping and delivery works under the \$225 million Central Arnhem Road Upgrade Program, with \$11.1 million expended to date.

A further delivery contract was awarded at \$4.4 million, funded fully by the Northern Territory Government, to upgrade and seal the 4.2km section of Central Arnhem Road between the Bulman airfield and the Bulman community. The project achieved practical completion in December 2022.