

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture

#### Top End Tourism

1. Are there any plans to upgrade the Marrakai Track to connect Corroboree to Litchfield Park for Tourism purposes? If so, could you please provide the details of when and the budget for this purpose?

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#### ANSWER

Turbocharging Tourism stimulus included \$53.74 million for enhancing visitor offerings, particularly in our parks. Opening up new visitor offerings at Litchfield National Park is part of the Government's *Turbocharging Tourism* initiative.

In February this year, the Territory Government announced additional funding of \$6.2 million to fast track the project, bringing total investment to \$17.5 million.

Stage 1 upgrades include construction of approximately 18km of unsealed road and tracks suitable for 4WD vehicles from Litchfield Park Road to the new swimming holes.

Stage 2 will soon start with construction of infrastructure at the site of the new swimming holes including campgrounds, walking and mountain bike trails, viewing platforms, picnic areas and car parking.

The Marrakai Track is an unmaintained road with a disconnected road reserve that covers the upper reaches of the Adelaide River. It carries very little tourism traffic. There are no current plans to upgrade it.