



Delia Lawrie

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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TERRITORY ROADS ON THE AGENDA

Northern Territory Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Delia Lawrie will travel to Canberra tomorrow to discuss road funding and transport issues.

Ms Lawrie will be meeting with the new Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese to discuss the Rudd Government road funding commitments to the Territory.

“During the Federal election the Rudd Government committed a comprehensive roads package of \$386 million to the Territory and we will be discussing the best timing to roll out this funding,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Construction is about to begin in the \$110 million Tiger Brennan Drive extension and we will look at the timetable of works to ensure this project is completed as quickly as possible.

“All Territorians stand to benefit from the new era of cooperation between the Territory and Commonwealth Government and the road funding commitments will deliver vital infrastructure.”

On Friday the Australian Transport Council will meet and Transport Ministers from around Australia will discuss a range of issues.

“The agenda tackles road infrastructure and transport safety and logistics,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The Rudd Government will outline their new Infrastructure Australia process to address infrastructure capacity constraints.”

Ms Lawrie will be supporting a trial of digital tacographs in trucks to help increase safety for drivers.

“I am an ardent advocate of these trucking black boxes that can improve safety and truck industry conditions for drivers,” Ms Lawrie said.

“I have met with truck industry representatives throughout the Territory to discuss this new technology.

“Our roads are important to all of us and I will be making sure the interests of the Territory are put on the table in Canberra.”

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