



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Leader of the House

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The Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA
Minister for Transport
GPO Box 3146
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Dear Minister

Gerry,

I am pleased to advise that I have approved \$1 million of (capped) funding to the Northern Territory, split \$0.4 million in 2008-09 and \$0.6 million in 2009-10 for two new Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas on the Barkly Highway and one new Heavy Vehicle Rest Area on the Stuart Highway. A copy of the Project Approval Instrument is attached for your information.

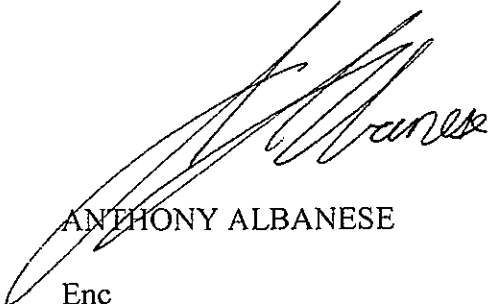
Your Department is required to report to my Department on progress and costs against individual projects, including information on the number of direct and indirect jobs which have been created by the Project. My Department will contact your Department on timing of payments and how progress is to be monitored. If savings should occur, the savings and any interest earned from Australian Government funds held by Northern Territory may be expended on other projects within the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) subject to the agreement of the Australian Government.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is required to liaise with relevant environmental agencies to identify environmental and or heritage issues that need to be addressed. Any matters of national environmental or heritage significance must be referred to the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

I expect the Government to invite further submissions later this year for the second round of \$40 million available under the HVSPP for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

I look forward to working with you on this program.

Yours sincerely



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