Michael Gunner  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

More Jobs and Safer Communities: Palmerston Police Station tender awarded

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The Territory Labor Government is delivering jobs and creating safer communities, with the announcement today that local firm Sitzler will construct the new $30 million 24-hour Palmerston Police Station and Watch House.

Chief Minister and Police Minister Michael Gunner said around 100 jobs will be created when Sitzler begins construction on the new facility next month.

The project is expected to be complete by mid-2019.

“We promised Palmerston a new Police station and then fast-tracked the project as part of our stimulus plan to create more jobs, boost the economy and keep the community safe. Now we are ready to start building it,” Mr Gunner said.

“Palmerston is a fast-growing, family city and the new, modern Police Station and Watch House will enable up to 200 Police to deliver key policing outcomes into the future.

“The facility provides a permanent and central physical presence in the Palmerston area, which will enhance response times. It also means Police can hold offenders in Palmerston and not have to travel to Darwin.”

Member for Brennan Tony Sievers and Member for Drysdale Eva Lawler both welcomed the announcement, which would see the new station built at the corner of Temple Terrance and Farrar Boulevard. This location was chosen in consultation with NT Police Fire and Emergency Services for its centralised access, will enhance Police response times and be a prominent site for residents and visitors.

“This is an election commitment from the Labor Government - the people of Palmerston asked for this station and I am proud to be part of a Government delivering for them,” Mr Sievers said.

“The new station will replace the existing station and will ease the burden on other facilities in the area.”

The scope of the new station was increased to allow for the fit out of the upper floor for Emergency Response for post disaster operations. It will also increase the capacity of the watch house to meet demand for at least the next decade.

The Police station forms part of a suite of measures the Territory Labor Government is implementing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, including the re-introduction of the Banned Drinkers Register – which was cut by the chaotic former CLP Government - and a $45 million boost to upgrade the PROMIS IT system to support police to do their job.

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