



## **The Hon Michael McCormack MP**

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Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
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## **NEW BIG HORSE, LITTLE HORSE BRIDGES GET THE JUMP ON FLOODING CLOSURES**

Construction is now complete on the new Big Horse and Little Horse bridges, providing improved connectivity and safety along the Northern Territory's Victoria Highway.

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Victoria Highway provides the only sealed link between the Northern Territory and Western Australia, linking the Great Northern Highway with the Stuart Highway.

"The Australian Government committed \$20 million to the project, which is part of the Perth–Darwin National Highway Network," Mr McCormack said.

"The new bridges will improve safety for road users and increase flood immunity, significantly reducing highway closures."

Northern Territory Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Eva Lawler said the Northern Territory Government is proud to have delivered such an important project for the Territory, providing \$15.5 million to the project which supported more than 60 local jobs.

"These upgrades are critical to improving year-round access and safety for the local Bulla and Amanbidji communities, Defence, the pastoral, agriculture and transport industries and tourists," said Ms Lawler.

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“This will improve the level of the flood immunity of the Victoria Highway to provide more reliable road access, whereas currently when the road floods, closures occur for up to four days. This upgrade will see this reduced to less than 12 hours.”

Senator for the Northern Territory Doctor Sam McMahon said the project would deliver new bridges that will be able to withstand up to a one-in-20-year flood event.

“In addition to the bridge replacements, the project also included the upgrading access roads linked to the intersections at the Big Horse Creek boat ramp and the Bradshaw Field Training area,” Dr McMahon said.

“The bridges are located approximately 300 kilometres west of Katherine, near the township of Timber Creek.”

The Big Horse, Little Horse Bridges project was jointly funded with the Australian Government committing \$20.01 million and the Northern Territory Government \$15.5 million.

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