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# Infrastructure Pipeline

## Tiwi Island Roads Upgrades

**State/Territory:** Northern Territory

**Proposed AG funding:** \$60.0 million

Mode	Major freight route	Major Commuter corridor	Commercial precinct
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### PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The Tiwi Islands are located north of Darwin and are accessible by either a 20 minute flight or 3 hour ferry trip. The major islands are Melville Island and Bathurst Island.

The most significant industries in the Tiwi Islands are forestry and tourism. The poor quality of the roads on Melville Island constrain opportunities for the expansion of these industries, inhibiting economic growth. Upgrades to key roads will support prospects for the export of plantation timber. Better roads are also important for the Tiwi Islands to enhance its tourist appeal. These factors will contribute to an increase in employment opportunities on the island, as well as bolstering the local economy.

The project will provide up to \$60 million to upgrade and seal sections of the Pirlingimpi Access Road, Pickertaramoor Access Road and Paru Access Road on Melville Island. As well as helping the local economy, the upgrades will also provide all-weather access to Tiwi College on Melville Island, ensuring that children the on island are able to attend school more reliably, in line with the objectives of the Australian Government's Remote School Attendance Strategy.

Funding is provided on the basis that the Australian Government contributes up to 80 per cent of the total cost, and the remainder is expected to be provided by state and territory governments, local government and/or the private sector.

### PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Improve connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.**
- **Facilitate economic and social development for local communities.**

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