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Good morning Lis

Please refer to the below email.

Kind regards,
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Dear Mayor Clark

I was in Katherine last night with my family and attended the Activate Katherine Street Party. It was a great event and we enjoyed it a lot. Congratulations to you and the Council.

Kind regards
Melissa Jones
Mayor of Walkerville

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Ms Ingrid Stonhill
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Via email: ceo@ktc.nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Stonhill

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 2023, regarding investment into Katherine's infrastructure needs and economic development across the Big Rivers region.

The Northern Territory Budget 2023-24 provides both new funding and continuing investment in major multi-year projects to leverage the Big Rivers region's competitive advantages, industries, places and people.

New projects commencing in 2023-24 include significant investment in transport infrastructure to support industry and tourism and improve access to remote communities; headworks and subdivision works to support land release; and construction and upgrade of community infrastructure.

Budget 2023-24 enhances accessibility across the Big Rivers region to improve economic productivity, freight efficiency, connectivity and road safety by investing \$400 million in roads. This includes:

- \$175.4 million for roads of strategic importance, such as key roads to support the development of gas resources in and around the Beetaloo Sub-basin; upgrading the Newman to Katherine road corridor; and continuing works to seal between the Roper and Wilton River bridges.
- \$224.4 million for new and continuing works at the Phelp River crossing to deliver safer access for locals and visitors; the Buntine Highway upgrade program to support access to remote communities and support economic growth; and works to upgrade the Carpentaria Highway, a key route for pastoral, tourism, agricultural and mining sectors.

Of the \$400 million invested in roads, funding for new works includes \$35 million for the Buntine Highway Upgrade program, \$20 million for the Phelp River Crossing and \$13.3 million for roads of strategic importance. Investment in transport and logistics infrastructure will boost the Territory's export potential, with positive downstream outcomes for business and employment across the region.

Budget 2023-24 invests and commits funding towards construction and upgrade of community infrastructure, such as:

- \$9.7 million in new funding to create the Katherine High School science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) centre. The new centre will prepare students for the jobs of the future, providing the skills needed to capitalise on the abundant opportunities offered by our region.
- \$26 million to expedite works on the Katherine East Neighbourhood Centre, of which \$12 million is for new works to support the development of Katherine East, a priority of the Big Rivers Regional Economic Growth Plan 2022-2030 (the Growth Plan).
- \$31.5 million towards the headworks and subdivision works to establish the Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub, an important multi-year project for the region and a Growth Plan priority.

Investment into other major projects in the region includes \$15 million towards flood mitigation and headworks in Katherine; and \$10 million for Katherine art gallery extensions, comprised of \$2.8 million for the design and construction of the Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft Gallery, and \$7.4 million for the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre. Over \$3.2 million is allocated to enhance parks across the Big Rivers region to leverage the beauty of the area and attract people to live, work, invest and explore.

The Big Rivers region directly benefits from the committed projects of the Remote Housing Investment Package, the Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub and the RAAF Base Tindal airfield and redevelopment. The Northern Territory Government is also progressing work to incentivise construction of new private dwellings in Katherine as part of its regional accelerated accommodation project. Construction is anticipated to start in 2023-24, with the aim to deliver 240 dwellings in Katherine. Government has committed to leasing half of the dwellings for key workers to bolster service delivery in vital areas, such as healthcare and education, coupled with initiatives led by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade to address workforce shortages across the Northern Territory.

New funding of \$2.6 million has been allocated to support the Circular Economy Strategy - Recycling Remediation Program. Local Government councils are also supported through grant funding, such as the Immediate Priority Grants program, to boost amenity and community development and create attractive, liveable spaces. Residents and visitors to Katherine will benefit from recent funding for infrastructure under the Immediate Priority Grants program, including \$160 000 for fencing to enhance security and safety at the Katherine Sports Precinct, ensuring the facility services the recreational needs of the region's families.

Funding of over \$250 000, outside of Budget 2023-24, has supported a range of new Katherine Town Council initiatives, such as solar lighting for footpaths, alleyway closures, the 'Night Owl' program, skate park activation and transportable light tower.

The Northern Territory Government will continue to work with Katherine Town Council to source funding for projects that benefit Katherine and the Big Rivers region.

Yours sincerely



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