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## **WORK TO BEGIN ON NEW CULLEN BAY PONTOON**

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The Northern Territory Government is committed to improving Territory infrastructure with works set to begin early next month on a new 63 metre pontoon and gangway at Cullen Bay.

Minister for Transport Peter Styles said the existing pontoon was 17 years old and nearing the end of its working life, so due to safety reasons it was essential it be replaced.

“This area is widely used by those travelling to and from Mandorah, commercial fishermen and businesses and of course with the introduction of the Tiwi Ferry, the many commuters to and from the Tiwi Islands,” Mr Styles said.

“The pontoon has been in need of replacement for many years now, and this is another clear indication of Delia Lawrie’s Government failing Territorians.

“Instead of fixing essential infrastructure, the former Labor government chose to waste money and keep adding to the \$5.5 billion debt we inherited.

“We are, once again, fixing the mess left to us because of a lack of real action by the former Government,” he said.

Mr Styles said works had been designed to have minimal impact on residents, businesses, commuters and the public, and should be completed early December, weather permitting.

“During this time the Mandorah Ferry will berth at a new location adjacent to the Boatshed Restaurant at Cullen Bay, the existing bus stop at Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal will be replaced with a temporary stop adjacent to the Sealink Ferry Office at 57 The Boulevard and a temporary pontoon will be in place for commercial boats,” he said.

“These works are vital and must be done, however we have chosen a time where we believe minimal disruption will occur.

“The new pontoon and gangway is 12 metres longer than the existing pontoon which will benefit commercial fishers and tourism vendors.

“It will be more durable and will require less maintenance, minimising future risks of disruptions to ferry and pontoon users.

“The existing pontoon will be sunk in the Darwin Harbour at a later date, creating an artificial reef.”

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