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## **CULLEN BAY PONTOON OPEN AHEAD OF TIME**

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Minister for Transport Peter Styles today announced the new 63 metre Cullen Bay pontoon and gangway was open for use, with completion of the works ahead of schedule.

“I am pleased with the hard work that was done to ensure the pontoon was finished ahead of time,” Mr Styles said.

“Ferries and all other commercial users and tourism vendors can now use the new pontoon; however fuel still needs to be drawn from the fort hill wharf.

“Fuel will be available at the Cullen Bay terminal within the next two weeks.

“The new pontoon will have a safer fuel bowser, foul water disposal facilities, water and power outlets and safer access for pedestrians.

“The old pontoon was in desperate need of replacement, and while the former government sat on their hands and ignored the problem, we got on with the job.

“As the Member for Johnston himself has acknowledged - ‘the previous Labor government dropped the ball on this one’.

“Our government, on the other hand, realised the importance of fixing the pontoon before the Wet season, and have consequently finished ahead of schedule.

“The new pontoon is 12.5 meters longer than the existing one, and service lines have been installed for electricity, fuel water and sewerage.

“A wave wall was also constructed, with the sea wall being extended and new aluminium rails installed to the new concrete ramp.”

The pontoon is used by commuters travelling to and from Mandorah and the Tiwi Islands, commercial fishermen and tourists. It is also a base for the Australian Customs service and the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to work with visiting recreational craft.

The old pontoon has been sunk in the Darwin Harbour as part of an artificial reef.

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