NT OPEN EDUCATION CENTRE

OVERVIEW
The Department of Infrastructure, on behalf of client the Department of Education, is delivering a new facility – The NT Open Education Centre. A new, modern facility will be constructed to deliver distance education to secondary students in years 10 to 12.

The 2100m² site will feature a three storey building and fit out with an emphasis on communications teaching technology. A budget in the order of $11 Million has been allocated for the project which includes $3.0 Million from Inpex LNG infrastructure development.

The NT Open Education Centre (NTOEC) is the only provider to deliver a distance learning program for senior secondary students in remote and regional areas of the Territory through a combination of outreach activities via video conferencing, data sharing and phone and in-reach activities where students visit the NTOEC. Currently there are 61 staff. Students who are enrolled in an existing school but have their education supplemented by the NTOEC receive:

• Attend residential schools
• Contact visit from a NTOEC teacher
• Access to specialist teacher support
• Access to online course resources
• Regular online lessons

This unique opportunity will allow students to use the new facilities while continuing to provide the best environment for distance education to remote students. While the project is underway, existing NTOEC students have been temporarily relocated to Nightcliff Middle School.

LOCATION
The facility is to be constructed on the site of Darwin High School at Bullocky Point.

PROJECT TIMELINE
Work will commence April 2015 and is expected to be completed late June 2016 (weather permitting).

FURTHER INFORMATION
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