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## **LITTLE HORSE AND BIG HORSE CREEK CROSSINGS** **UPCOMING WORKS**

Construction work will soon start on a project to continue flood immunity improvements on the Victoria Highway to National Highway standard.

This \$35.5 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory governments through the National Highway Upgrade Programme, which is part of the Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Programme.

The project is located approximately 300 kilometres west of Katherine, near the township of Timber Creek. Big Horse and Little Horse creeks are tributaries of the Victoria River and when in flood the highway is closed at both these crossings for an average of 96 hours annually.

The existing bridges at the Big Horse and Little Horse creek crossings will be replaced with higher-level bridges, raised road approaches and culverts at low points (Figure 1).

Earthwork treatment will be undertaken due to compressible riverine soils. To achieve a firm foundation, a temporary earth stockpile will be pre-loaded onto the new alignment for a 9-month settlement period. The intersections to the Big Horse Creek boat ramp and Bradshaw Field Training Area will also be upgraded to improve safety and access.

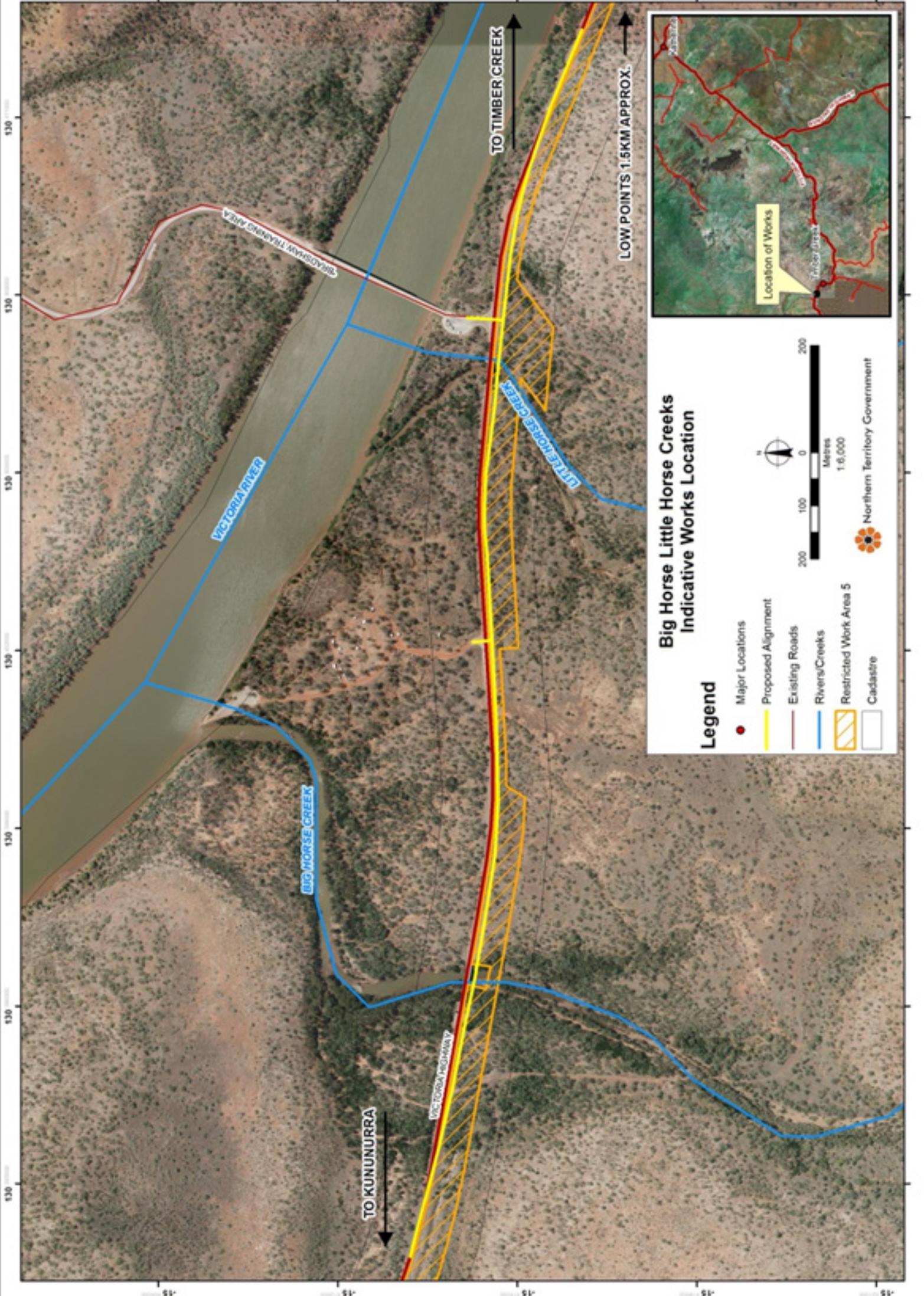
To ensure the safety of the public and workers, traffic management controls will be in place during the project. Local detours and portable traffic signals may be used to facilitate the continued access to amenities.

The construction contract has been awarded to Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd, and weather dependant, it is expected to be complete by December 2018. On completion of works, increased year round accessibility for the pastoral, agricultural and transport industries, as well as tourism and local users on the National Highway will be realised.

The project will achieve a 1-in-20-year flood immunity consistent with other new crossings on the Victoria Highway; and reduce the Annual Average Time of Closure to less than 12 hours at these crossings.

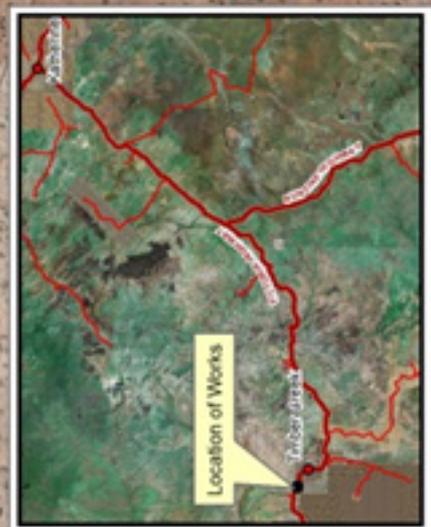
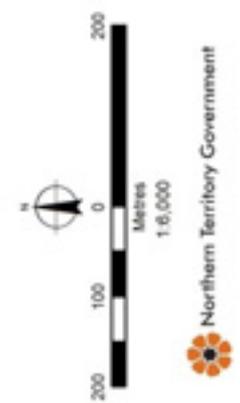
Should you have any queries or concerns about the work being undertaken, please contact Senior Project Manager Jay Brewster-O'Brien on 8999 4835 or email [jay.brewster-o'brien@nt.gov.au](mailto:jay.brewster-o'brien@nt.gov.au)

Please turn over to view a map of the worksite



### Big Horse Little Horse Creeks Indicative Works Location

- Legend**
- Major Locations
  - Proposed Alignment
  - Existing Roads
  - Rivers/Creeks
  - ▨ Restricted Work Area 5
  - Cadastre



TO TIMBER CREEK

LOW POINTS 1.5KM APPROX.

TO KUNUNURRA

VICTORIA RIVER

BIG HORSE CREEK

KEEPO BURNING PLAN

VICTORIA HIGHWAY

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