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Approval for Larrakeyah Defence Precinct welcomed

The Territory Opposition welcomed this week's approval by Federal Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, for a \$495 million investment in two projects for new facilities at the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct.

The first project is a \$223 million base redevelopment, the second, concurrent \$272 million Facilities to Support Naval Operations in the North project will deliver a new wharf to support the Royal Australian Navy's major surface combatant ships and submarines.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the approval of these two projects are an exciting next chapter for defence in the Northern Territory, and for the top end's economy.

"I warmly welcome these newly announced projects and look forward to the major benefit they will bring to local businesses and Territorians, as well as the long term benefit for the Northern Territory.

"It is paramount we ensure the capabilities and capacity of the Territory are kept top of mind for future opportunities, a fact I reiterated this week on my most recent visit to Canberra," said Mr Higgins.

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