

# Final stage GDE contract awarded

## Cord Civil

The ACT Government has awarded a \$15.5 million contract for the final stage of the duplication of the Gungahlin Drive Extension.

The contract for the stage two roadworks has been awarded to ACT firm Cord Civil.

Work on the project is due to start in November and includes the construction of new lanes connecting the Barton Highway to Belconnen Way, and the resealing of a section of the GDE between Bandjalong Crescent in Aranda and the Glenloch Interchange.

The project includes the duplication of several bridges.

"Once completed, the 9km, four-lane GDE will significantly ease north-south traffic congestion for up to 20,000 vehicles during peak periods," Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said. "This crucial road infrastructure will meet the transport needs of the people of Gungahlin, and of the ACT as a whole by relieving congestion on other arterial roads.

"The duplication of the GDE will be completed by mid 2012, linking the Barton Highway to the Tuggeranong Parkway at the Glenloch Interchange. The works are expected to employ 200 people over the life of the project, which is good news for local jobs and our economy," Mr Stanhope said.

The \$85 million duplication of the GDE was funded through the ACT Government's \$1 billion-dollar Building the Future infrastructure program.

The stage two (northern) roads works include:

- Construction of a southbound bridge over the Barton Highway;
- Construction of a new southbound two-lane carriageway from the Barton Highway to Ginninderra Drive;
- Duplication of the super tee overpasses at Ellenborough Street and Ginninderra Drive plus a pre-cast concrete arch fauna underpass at Lyneham Ridge;
- Additional lanes north and south bound carriageways between Ginninderra Drive and Belconnen Way;
- Duplication of the Belconnen Way overpass; and
- Duplication of the road works from Belconnen Way through to the Aranda flora underpass.

