

Halls Creek to Kununurra Bridges Project

Seeking local businesses and individuals for supply, subcontracting, and employment opportunities on the Halls Creek to Kununurra Bridges Project

Project Overview

Fortec Australia has been engaged by Main Roads Western Australia to build three new bridges at Tickalara Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Arthur Creek on Great Northern Highway (GNH). GNH serves as the major connection between the Kimberley region and the rest of the state and country. A critical transport link for multiple industries and remote Indigenous communities the existing single-lane bridges present safety hazards to road users. This project will see the construction of new dual-lane replacement bridges at each of these locations to increase safety and accessibility for road users and support continued economic growth in the northern region of WA.

Fortec is committed to supporting the local communities through the following pathways:

- providing project-relevant job training;
- engaging local candidates for project-specific roles; and
- sourcing local suppliers & contractors.

Project Scope

Construction of three bridges over Tickalara Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Arthur Creek on Great Northern Highway between Halls Creek and Kununurra.

Funding

A contract for \$33 million has been awarded to Fortec Australia jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments to complete the three bridges.

Timing

Stage One: Construction Tickalara Creek & Frog Hollow Creek Bridges: May 2023 – November 2023

Stage Two: Construction Arthur Creek Bridge: April 2024 – October 2024

What opportunities exist now?

We are currently sourcing local businesses and individual employees for Stage One works on Tickalara Creek and Frog Hollow Creek bridges for late May commencement. Types of opportunities are listed on the following page.

Local business opportunities include:

- Earthworks:
 - equipment hire where equipment is available in east Kimberley
 - operators on an hourly rate
- Mechanical trade services for plant maintenance
- Bridge formwork and reinforcement installation services
- Bridge-concrete placement service
- Potable bulk water supply high volumes (14,000L/delivery)
- Cleaning services to the site office
- Construction waste collection and disposal service
- Fuel supply to site (7,000L/delivery)
- Accommodation and meals to accommodate camp overflow
- Electrical services.

Local employment opportunities include:

- 8 Traffic Controllers for part-time shifts 7am -12pm and 12pm - 5pm (June-November)
- Plant operators for shift roles 6am - 5pm
- Civil Construction Labour/Trade Assistant for shift roles 6am - 5pm
- Site office cleaning: 4-8hrs per week
- Roster: all the above roles are for 13 days non-stop work + 8 days off.

We encourage and will assist local Aboriginal Persons and Businesses to apply.

How to contact us about these opportunities:

Phone: Peter Verbuyst, Project Manager on **0473 223 786**

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For more information on the project, visit the Main Roads webpage at:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/kimberley-bridges-great-northern-hwy/>

For employment opportunities, visit the Fortec website at <https://www.fortecaustralia.com.au/>