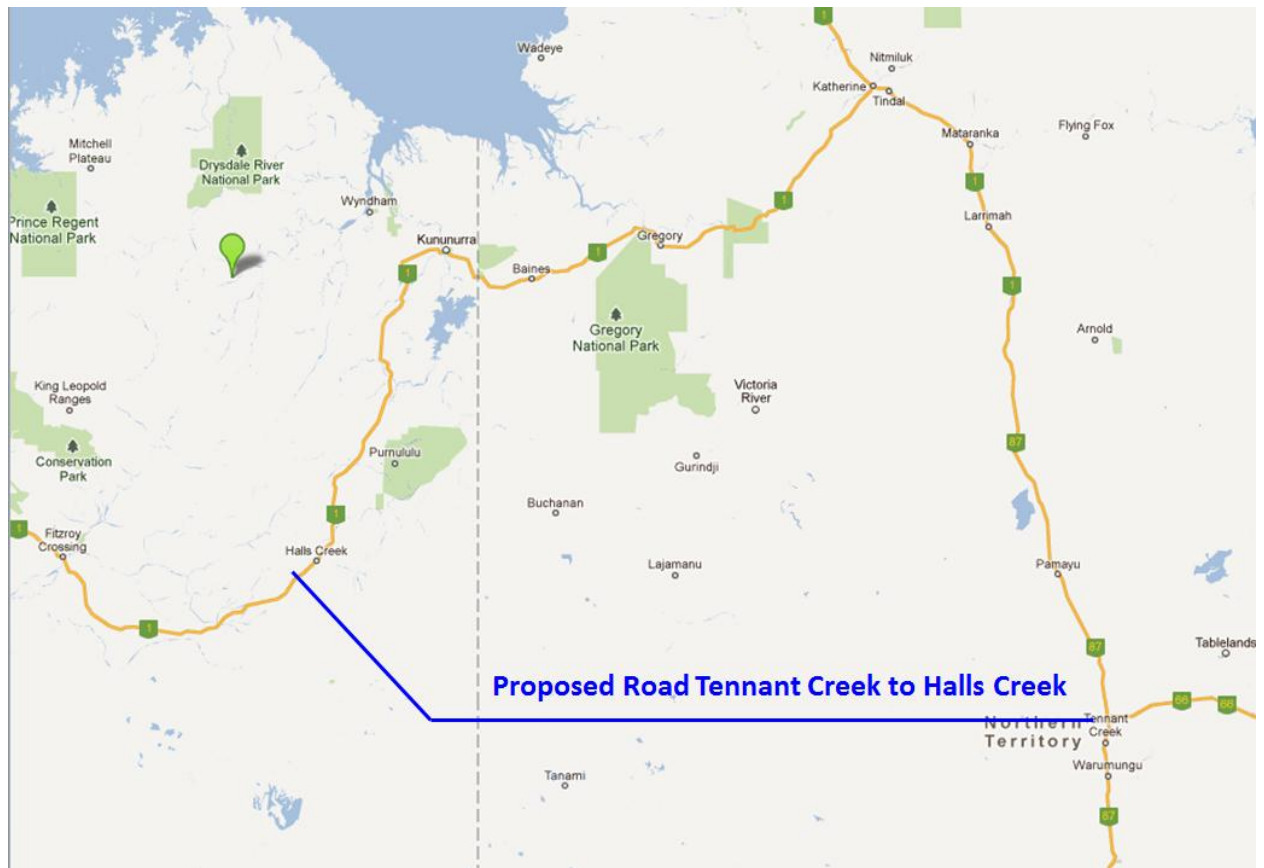


Tennant Creek to Halls Creek Road Project



Route of Tennant Creek to Halls Creek Road

There have been calls to seal the Tanami Road between Alice Springs and Halls Creek. While that would be useful, there is potentially a larger flow of traffic across northern Australia from Queensland to the Kimberley. Currently, that traffic has to travel up to Katherine and then down to Halls Creek.

Building a new road due west from Tennant Creek until it meets the existing Tanami Road would reduce the distance travelled by 774 km and save nine hours in travel time.

This 770 km of road works, including sealing of 170 km of the existing Tanami Road, would cost \$230 million.

The fully flooded width of the crossing of Sturt Creek near Billiluna is quite wide at 1.6 km. Making this crossing completely flood-proof would be quite expensive.

Assuming \$20 million of bridgeworks over Sturt Creek, the total cost of this project would be \$250 million.



The Sturt Creek Crossing near Billiluna on the Tanami Road