



YOUR PARTNER FOR GROWTH

TOGETHER, DELIVERING
WHAT'S NEXT





LET'S ACHIEVE EXTRAORDINARY OUTCOMES

DON'T SETTLE FOR THE ORDINARY

The Northern Territory Government invites you to partner for trade, investment and development opportunities.

Australia's Northern Territory is a dynamic region, rich with potential and unique characteristics – giving rise to a culture that attracts and nurtures ambitious organisations and entrepreneurs.

THE BEST PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

With highly competitive tax settings and streamlined government regulation, facilitation and information, Australia's Northern Territory is the best place to do business.

JOIN US IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

We are seeking partners with a positive long-term interest in developing the capabilities of the future.

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WE CAN POWER
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Best Place to Do Business

Through proactive, progressive policy and renewed leadership, the Northern Territory Government has created a supportive business environment. We are an investor-friendly jurisdiction with competitive tax rates and business incentives. We offer the most generous payroll tax-free threshold that no other state or territory in Australia can match, delivering a boost to your bottom line. With access to affordable industrial land, linked to strategic infrastructure and transport corridors, the Northern Territory is an internationally competitive location for your business.



Innovation Test Bed

The Northern Territory is a destination where ideas can be conceived, trialled and sold to the world. The government is driving a growth agenda committed to energy security, infrastructure development, digital connectivity as well as trade and investment to support our diverse industries and growing population. A number of innovative, world-class products have been developed, tested and commercialised right here in collaboration with defence, education and other enterprises.



Backed by Australia

Doing business in the Northern Territory is underpinned by Australia's economy, one of the safest, low-risk investment destinations available. Our political stability, regulatory framework and AAA sovereign risk profile provides investors with confidence and security. Australia is a global trading nation with 19 free trade agreements currently in force and established economic partnerships across the Trans-Pacific and the UAE, providing a competitive edge to exporters, importers, producers, and investors. And, as Australia's gateway to Asia, the Northern Territory has strategic agreements with international trade partners, including Japan and Indonesia.



Gateway to Asia

Positioned closer to key Asian markets than any other part of Australia, the Northern Territory is uniquely equipped to forge strong economic, cultural, and strategic connections with the vibrant nations to our north and markets to the south. We import and export high value products and have a global reputation for quality, safety and sustainability. The top destinations for Territorian goods over the past five years include Japan, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand.

We offer a stable and competitive environment with an agile government committed to making this the best place to do business.



Energy Security Partner

Our endowments comprise globally significant reserves of natural gas and mineral deposits, including critical and rare earth minerals, and some of the highest solar irradiance levels in the world. This will redefine the future of energy security, both in Australia and Asia, while supporting complementary developments in hydrogen industries, carbon capture and storage, as well as advanced manufacturing, underpinned by low cost energy.



Attractive Lifestyle

The Northern Territory offers a vibrant and prosperous lifestyle with an abundance of breathtaking landscapes and cultural history, attracting increasing numbers of visitors and residents from around the world. We have a multicultural population, thriving arts and culture and internationally recognised education opportunities at Charles Darwin University and Flinders University. With shorter commutes to work and an affordable lifestyle, Northern Territory residents are the happiest in the country, according to a recent Flinders University study.



Security Hub

We are recognised as Australia's northern hub for defence, playing a key role in national and regional security matters and partnering with allies. With a significant navy, army and air force presence, defence continues to be a consistent contributor to the Northern Territory's economy. The Australian Government has committed around A\$6.96 billion of approved planned investment projects in the next decade which will stimulate local and international businesses and regional employment opportunities.²³



Culturally Rich

Named the #1 place to visit in Australia and #14 globally by the New York Times in 2026, the Northern Territory is culturally diverse with more than 100 nationalities.³⁸ We are enriched by our Indigenous peoples, whose traditions and knowledge are woven into the fabric of the area. By creating economic opportunities and employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the Northern Territory enhances cultural understanding and drives sustainable development, offering a distinctive and inclusive atmosphere for businesses to align and flourish.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



1,350,000 KM²
LAND MASS¹



265,457
NORTHERN TERRITORY POPULATION³¹

28M
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL POPULATION³²



A\$34B
GROSS STATE PRODUCT (GSP)³

A\$13.5B
EXPORTS³

A\$5.6B
IMPORTS³



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS³

- JAPAN
- CHINA
(EXCLUDES SARS AND TAIWAN)
- TAIWAN
- REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- SINGAPORE
- INDONESIA
- MALAYSIA
- THAILAND
- INDIA
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ENERGY



430+ TRILLION CUBIC FEET
P50 GAS-IN-PLACE RESOURCE

Beetaloo Sub-basin
Velkerri B layer⁴



20 MTPA
CO₂ STORAGE

Capacity in Bonaparte Basin
(Petrel Sub-basin)⁷



12 MTPA LNG
PRODUCTION

Darwin LNG and Ichthys LNG,
supplying 10% of Japan's LNG⁷



22-24 MJ/M²
SOLAR

Average annual irradiance levels⁵

AGRICULTURE

FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

A\$1.4B

industry value¹⁴



AU \$1.2B

Cattle industry¹¹

2 MILLION

Head of cattle¹²

40% MARKET SHARE

Australia's premier live cattle
exporter¹¹

59M HECTARES

Pastoral land¹⁰



A\$47.4M

Crocodile farming¹⁴



A\$70M GVP

Melon industry¹⁵



A\$81M GVP

Aquaculture industry¹⁴

OVER 6,000

Tonnes of farmed barramundi p.a.⁸



4.3M TRAYS

Largest mango producer in AU¹⁴



A\$115M

Forestry industry¹⁴



A\$29.5M GVP

Cotton¹⁴

TOURISM



2 UNESCO

World-Heritage Listed sites



1.24M

Overnight trips¹⁶



**NEW INTERNATIONAL
& DOMESTIC ROUTES**



A\$2.3B

Visitor spend¹⁶

A\$88.3M

Northern Territory Government investment in projects¹⁶

DEFENCE

A\$8.2B

Estimated Defence infrastructure investment in NT over 10 years. This comprises A\$6.9B in approved planned investment underway²³



**5,400 AUSTRALIAN
PERSONNEL**

Navy, Arm and Airforce personnel employed in NT²³

**HOME TO SOME OF THE
WORLD'S LARGEST DEFENCE
TRAINING AREAS²⁴**

- Bradshaw Field Training Area 8,700 km²
- Delamere Air Weapons Range 2,110 km²

10.2% GSP²⁵

UP TO 2,500

United States Marine Corps personnel stationed in 2025 in the Northern Territory²³



**HOST OF INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY TRAINING
EXERCISES²⁴**

- Pitch Black
- Predators Run
- Kakadu
- Talisman Sabre

MINING AND MINERALS



**A\$8.4B
ECONOMIC OUTPUT**

Mining only, includes minerals and energy³⁶

A\$1.7B GOLD

Annual production³³

A\$6B PIPELINE

Projects in development¹⁸

A\$9.5M INVESTMENT

Resourcing the Territory Program: Northern Territory Government annual support²⁰



9 MINES

Operating in Northern Territory¹⁸

21

Critical¹⁹
minerals

14

Emerging
critical minerals¹⁹

DIRECT JOBS 3,400

Mining only, not including fly-in fly-out³⁷

25

Mn

Manganese

Home of the world's largest and lowest cost manganese mine²²

DIGITAL



**RELIABLE POWER &
WATER SUPPLY**

Access to renewable and low carbon natural gas, and water



DEDICATED LAND

Wishart Estate perfect for data centres



**2ND LARGEST
SUBSEA CABLE HUB**

From 2028, Darwin will be 2nd largest subsea hub after Sydney



**LOWEST LATENCY
TO ASIA**

Sub 30 seconds to 700M+ people with new subsea cables

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



18

Northern Territory international education and training providers²⁶



3,998

International students²⁶

TOP 10 COUNTRIES (%)²⁶

30.3 Nepal

18.9 India

12.6 Bangladesh

6.4 Philippines

5.7 Vietnam

5.3 China

5.3 Pakistan

2.5 Indonesia

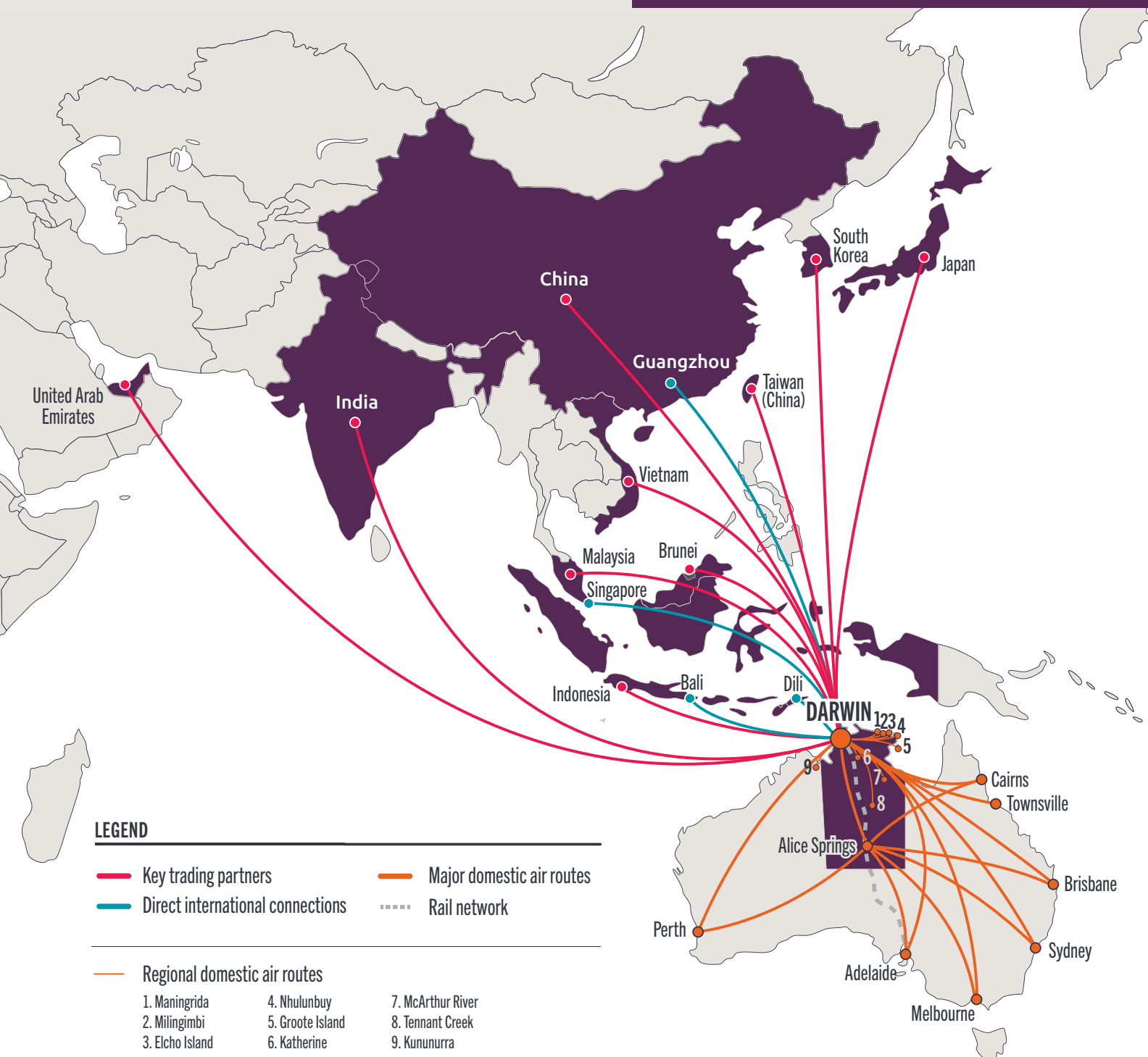
2.2 Sri Lanka

1.5 Kenya

WE ARE CONNECTED TO THE WORLD

700 MILLION PEOPLE
WITHIN SIX HOURS
NORTH

28 MILLION PEOPLE
WITHIN FIVE HOURS
SOUTH



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TIMES FROM AUSTRALIAN CENTRES

Destination	Darwin	Brisbane	Perth	Adelaide	Sydney	Melbourne
Dili	1h1m	4h6m	3h14m	3h43m	4h24m	4h19m
Denpasar	2h9m	5h5m	3h1m	4h18m	5h14m	4h58m
Singapore	3h51m	6h52m	4h27m	6h4m	7h2m	6h45m
Kuala Lumpur	6h55m	7h12m	4h42m	6h22m	7h21m	7h3m
Guangzhou	5h30m	9h20m	8h10m	9h5m	9h25m	9h55m
Tokyo	7h13m	9h22m	10h18m	10h13m	10h11m	10h38m

TIME AND DISTANCE TO KEY MARKETS BY SEA

Destination	Darwin	Brisbane	Perth	Adelaide
Dili	1 day 9 hours (495 nm)	6 days 17 hours (2415 nm)	4 days 14 hours (1642 nm)	8 days 4 hours (2937 nm)
Jakarta	4 days 6 hours (1532 nm)	9 days 16 hours (3847 nm)	4 days 22 hours (1763 nm)	8 days 11 hours (3047 nm)
Bandar Seri Begawan	5 days 1 hour (1816 nm)	10 days 1 hour (3608 nm)	7 days 4 hours (2586 nm)	10 days 18 hours (3870 nm)
Singapore	5 days 6 hours (1887 nm)	10 days 16 hours (3842 nm)	6 days 4 hours (2220 nm)	9 days 18 hours (3504 nm)
Kuala Lumpur	5 days 19 hours (2092 nm)	11 days 6 hours (4052 nm)	6 days 18 hours (2389 nm)	10 days 5 hours (3673 nm)
Kaohsiung	6 days 6 hours (2249 nm)	10 days 19 hours (3888 nm)	9 days 14 hours (3446 nm)	13 days 4 hours (4741 nm)
Ho Chi Minh City	6 days 11 hours (2327 nm)	11 days 12 hours (4146 nm)	7 days 15 hours (2742 nm)	11 days 4 hours (4026 nm)
Hong Kong	6 days 13 hours (2353 nm)	11 days 8 hours (4080 nm)	9 days 18 hours (3504 nm)	13 days 8 hours (4799 nm)
Tokyo	8 days 10 hours (3033 nm)	10 days 23 hours (3942 nm)	12 days 12 hours (4500 nm)	14 days 17 hours (5299 nm)
Seoul (Incheon)	8 days 13 hours (3068 nm)	12 days 6 hours (4410 nm)	12 days 3 hours (4364 nm)	15 days 17 hours (5695 nm)
Mumbai	12 days 19 hours (4598 nm)	18 days 5 hours (6556 nm)	13 days 17 hours (4919 nm)	17 days 12 hours (6294 nm)
Dubai	14 days 9 hours (5175 nm)	19 days 23 hours (7182 nm)	13 days 20 hours (4976 nm)	17 days 6 hours (6208 nm)





**WE ARE UNLOCKING
OPPORTUNITIES
IN GROWTH INDUSTRIES**

GROWTH INDUSTRIES



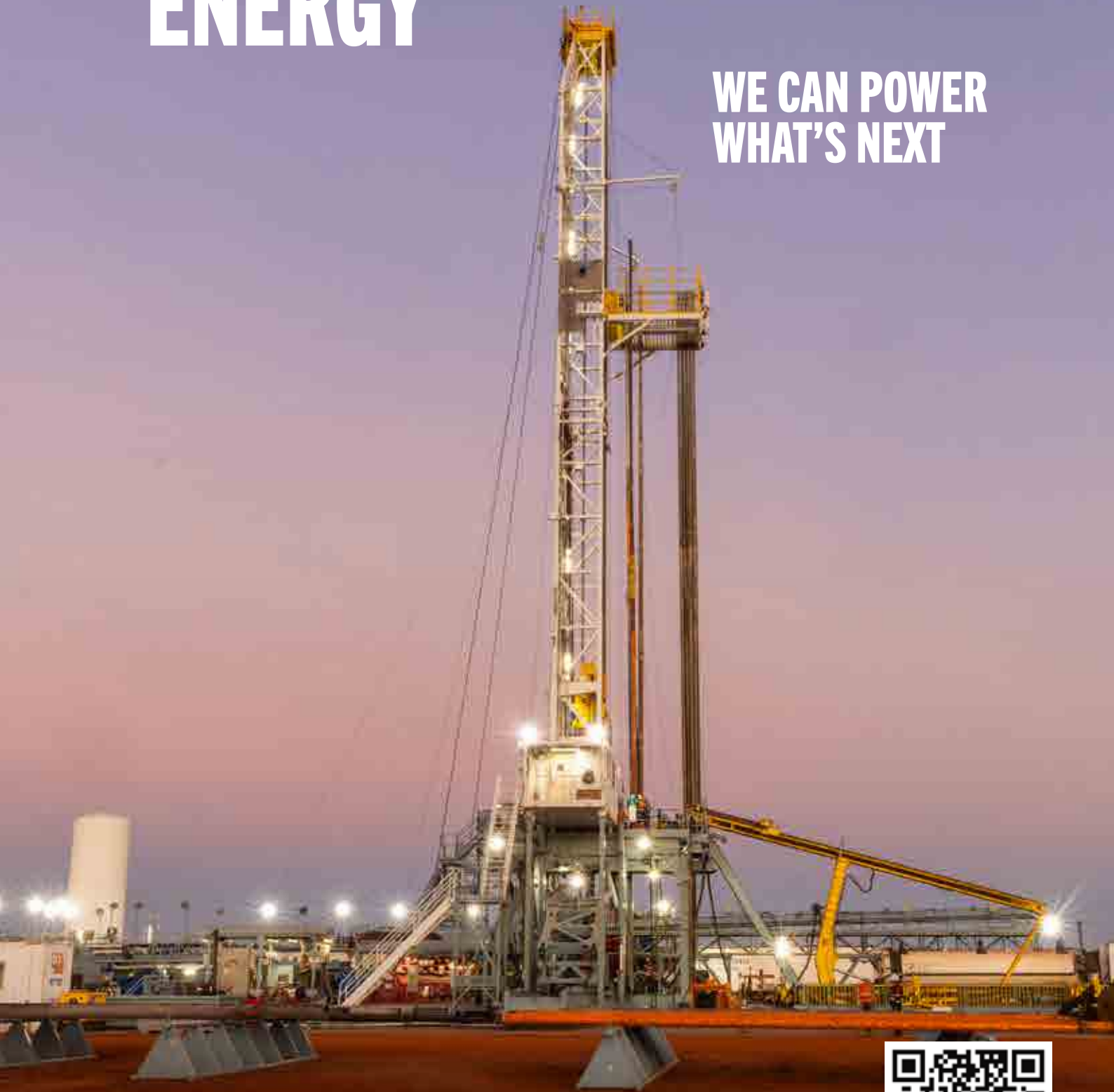
The Northern Territory is fast becoming a globally connected centre for innovation, investment and sustainable growth.



Scan to view the latest
investment opportunities

ENERGY

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📍 Image: Courtesy of Tamboran Resources

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investment opportunities

The Northern Territory has world-class resources that can meet growing demand for reliable, affordable and cleaner energy and deliver long-term energy security for Australia and our valued trading partners in the Asia Pacific.

Current Activities

With substantial proven and prospective gas resources both onshore and offshore, the Northern Territory is pursuing significant development opportunities.

Natural gas will continue to play a crucial role in the energy system into the future by providing reliable, affordable and lower-emissions energy supply, including firming for renewables.

The formation of a Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) hub in Darwin will reduce emissions from natural gas processing operations and support the creation of new low emissions industries that use CO₂ and clean hydrogen as feedstocks.

The Northern Territory Government has partnered with Australia's National Science Agency – CSIRO – to progress the hub, which will be one of the largest multi-user, multi-access facilities in the world.

Offering vast regions of land and one of the highest solar irradiance levels in the world, the NT is also an excellent location for solar development including SunCable's AAPowerLink project.

Investing in infrastructure and cutting red tape is a key plank of the Northern Territory Government's strategy. This includes enabling significant projects by advancing environmental and regulatory approvals, particularly within the Middle Arm Precinct, and coordination through the Office of the Territory Coordinator.

The Northern Territory Government is developing an infrastructure corridor from north of Tennant Creek to the Port of Darwin to carry gas, oil, hydrogen, and utilities (water, digital communications) through the Territory Energy Link.

Northern Territory Advantages

- **LNG:** With proven gas resources onshore and offshore, and world-leading shale resources onshore, the Northern Territory is playing a leading role in Australia's LNG expansion plans.
- **Beetaloo Sub-basin:** Highly prospective onshore shale gas resources.
- **Amadeus Basin:** Proven onshore conventional production in Central Australia.
- **Barossa and Ichthys fields:** Proven offshore gas projects.
- **CCS hub:** The Northern Territory Government is working with industry to develop a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) hub at the Middle Arm Precinct with 50Mtpa of CO₂ capacity. This reduces emissions from natural gas processing operations and supports the creation of new low emissions industries.
- **Solar:** Competitive solar irradiance levels (22 to 24 MJ/m²) and land for mega-scale projects.
- **Middle Arm Precinct:** The NT Government is undertaking planning and environmental assessments for a development ready precinct featuring enabling infrastructure to support industries including hydrogen, carbon capture, energy advanced manufacturing and minerals processing.
- **Deep water port with new ship lift under construction:** As the closest Australian capital city to Asia, Darwin is set to become a thriving maritime center, capable of maintaining and servicing Defence and Border Force vessels, along with commercial and private vessels from the fishing, oil and gas and marine sectors.

Opportunities

- **Natural Gas:** Beetaloo Sub-basin, containing 430+ trillion cubic feet of P50 gas-in-place resources across 28,000km of geologically continuous unconventional shales, with a possible production potential of 6,000+ terajoules per day enabled by modern drilling and hydraulic stimulation technologies.
- **Renewables:** Large-scale solar projects.
- **CCS:** As part of the Middle Arm Precinct, the proposed CCS hub will be one of the world's largest facilities of its kind, enabling production of existing and future LNG assets with a significantly lower carbon footprint.
- **Service and Supply:** Diverse business opportunities exist across the value chain for natural gas including importation, warehousing and storage, and transportation of critical goods and services as well as workforce recruitment, accommodation, logistics, transport and consumables.

Upstream

- Acreage EOI
- Exploration and appraisal drilling
- Farm-in & service contracts

Midstream

- Pipeline infrastructure and gathering systems
- Interstate grid connections

Downstream

- Domestic energy supply
- LNG processing and exporting
- Advanced manufacturing

THE BEETALOO SUB-BASIN

The Northern Territory's onshore and offshore gas resources have provided reliable energy security for the Territory and trade partners. But it is the Beetaloo Sub-basin – with its globally significant gas resources – that will ultimately be the backbone of energy security for the Territory, Australia and our neighbours in the Asia region.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to accelerating the development of Beetaloo gas resources and is working closely with gas producers and investors to make it happen. The investment opportunity spans the entire natural gas supply chain, including infrastructure, logistics, and service and supply sectors.

World-Class Shale Play

The Beetaloo Sub-basin is a significant depocenter of Mesoproterozoic Roper Group sedimentary rocks of the McArthur Basin that underlies the Mesozoic Carpentaria Basin in the vicinity of Dunmarra and Daly Waters, and is the Territory's premier shale gas play, with prospectivity increasing as exploration accelerates.

Located 500 kilometres south-east of Darwin, Beetaloo covers 28,000 km² and is estimated to contain 430 trillion cubic feet of gas (P50 gas-in-place resource as estimated by industry). That is just for the Velkerri B layer and does not include other known gas bearing geological layers.

In this one layer, the Beetaloo Sub-basin has enough gas to not only meet the energy demands of the Northern Territory, but also to meet demand in Australia's East Coast Gas Market where gas shortfalls are forecast from 2029, as well as expanding LNG exports from Darwin to Australia's neighbours in the Asia Pacific region.

Unlocking the Potential

Significant progress is being made towards commercial development of the Beetaloo, supported by investment in wells, processing facilities, pipeline infrastructure and complementary services required to bring gas to market.

Recent studies and analysis identify the Beetaloo could:

- Produce 13,000+ jobs by 2040
- Increase economic activity by A\$17+ billion
- Spur advanced manufacturing and new low-emission industries
- Deliver cheaper and more reliable gas across Australia for decades to come
- Provide an additional source of gas for LNG export.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to working with proponents and investors to accelerate development through:

- Improving regulatory certainty and efficiency in the Territory.
- Publicly backing and advocating for development in the Beetaloo.
- Developing the Territory Energy Link, a multi-user, multi-asset infrastructure corridor to de-risk investment.
- Making land available to enable the development of service and supply sector.
- Providing whole-of-government coordination to facilitate development through a dedicated Beetaloo Project Management Office.
- Entering into gas sales agreements with Beetaloo producers to deliver gas into the Northern Territory market.





LEGEND

- Gas Operation/Export (Offshore)
- Gas Floating Production/Storage
- LNG Processing
- Proposed Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)
- Operating Mines
- Oil/Gas Production
- Gas Production
- NT Offshore Area
- Beetaloo Sub-basin
- Subsea/Terrestrial Cables
- Road/Highway
- Unsealed Road/Highway
- Rail
- Gas Pipeline (GPL)
- Sturt Plateau Pipeline
- Territory Energy Link
- Proposed Data Centre/s
- National Logistics Hub
- Regional Logistics Hub
- Airport / Airstrip

ONSHORE GAS

- 1 Wyworrie-1
- 2 Birdum Creek-1
- 3 Tarlee-S3
- 4 Tarlee-2
- 5 Tarlee-1
- 6 Amungee 2H, 3H
- 7 Shenandoah S-1H, 2H
- 8 Mount Brown 1, 2H, 3H
- 9 Carpentaria 2H, 3H, 5H
- 10 Surprise (Oil)
- 11 Mereenie (Oil/Gas)
- 12 Dingo (Gas)

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PROGRESS IN THE BEETALOO

As new investment and development accelerates, confidence in the Beetaloo is growing.

Milestones

- In April 2026, INPEX announced a strategic partnership with Daly Waters Energy to farm in approximately 68,000 acres across the Basin.
- Santos has identified Beetaloo activities as a priority, with investment in drilling and flow testing activity to take place in 2026/27.
- In June 2026, Tamboran Resources completed its acquisition of Falcon Energy, making the company the largest acreage position in the Beetaloo.
- At the start of 2026, Tamboran and Beetaloo Energy Australia both completed successful capital raises to support works in their respective Shenandoah South and Carpentaria projects. This is supporting Tamboran in its progress towards first commercial gas sales to the Northern Territory in Q3 2026 and additional well-drilling and flow testing this year as well as Beetaloo Energy Australia delivering gas to market by the end of 2026. Both companies have Indigenous Land Use Agreements in place and approvals from Traditional Owners, the Northern Land Council and the Northern Territory Government to recover appraisal gas for sale under the Petroleum Act 1984.
- Flow results have been promising, with Tamboran's Shenandoah South 6H well delivering an average IP20 flow rate of 10.3 million cubic feet per day from a 2,632-metre horizontal, comparing favourably to the average performance of wells in the Marcellus Shale. Beetaloo Energy Australia has completed 3 wells, with regulatory approvals in place for an additional 9 wells.
- Critical infrastructure milestones have been achieved, with construction of APA's Sturt Plateau Pipeline completed in 2025, and construction of Tamboran's Sturt Plateau Compression Facility over 80% complete, which will connect Beetaloo gas into the Amadeus Gas Pipeline – the backbone of the Northern Territory's gas network. Jemena's Gas Strategy (Nov. 2025) indicated plans to expand the capacity of the Northern Gas Pipeline, which will enhance capacity for flows to the East Coast Gas Market. Further pipeline investment is needed to transport the projected gas volumes from the Beetaloo to Australian and overseas markets, with APA investigating a prospective North East Australia Pipeline to connect the Beetaloo with the East Coast.
- Momentum is also growing in the service and supply sector. Beetaloo Energy Australia has invested A\$10.4 million in Territory Sands, which will enable local sand capability, strengthen local supply chains, and drive down costs for Beetaloo development.
- In July 2025, Major US company Halliburton collaborated with Beetaloo Energy Australia to undertake the longest and largest hydraulic fracture stimulation in the Northern Territory's (and Australia's) history at Beetaloo Energy's Carpentaria-5H (C-5H) well in the Beetaloo Basin. The record-setting campaign covered an impressive 2,955-metre horizontal section of the Velkerri B Shale, pumping 67 stages using more than 22 million pounds of proppant.



SERVICE AND SUPPLY OPPORTUNITIES

The Northern Territory is home to globally significant onshore and offshore natural gas resources that support energy security, economic growth and investment across Australia and the Asian region.

Growing Demand

As Australia's northern gateway to Asia, the Territory is strategically positioned to supply growing international energy markets as well as the domestic market. Existing LNG infrastructure, established export pathways and proximity to key trading partners provide a strong foundation for future investment and industry growth.

The Darwin LNG and Ichthys LNG projects are internationally significant energy assets, supplying over 10% of Japan's and Taiwan's (China) annual global LNG imports, reinforcing the Northern Territory's reputation as a trusted and reliable energy producer.

Continued development of the Northern Territory's gas resources, including the Beetaloo and Amadeus basins, is driving investment in enabling infrastructure, supporting regional development and boosting demand for local services and supply.

Supply chains

As one of the world's largest shale gas plays – with potential production exceeding 6,000 terajoules per day – the Beetaloo has the capacity to anchor new supply chains, stimulate downstream manufacturing and strengthen energy security locally, nationally and internationally.

Diverse business opportunities exist across the value chain for natural gas exists for businesses with expertise in:

- Importation, warehousing, storage and transportation of goods
- Workforce accommodation and camp services
- Workforce logistics, transport and consumable supply
- Workforce recruitment and labour hire
- Pipeline manufacturing, construction and installation
- Vehicle servicing, maintenance and fleet support
- Power infrastructure, including transmission lines and substations
- Gas processing and operations, including separation, dehydration, compression and transport
- Midstream gas infrastructure development, ownership and operations.





PIONEERING AUSTRALIA'S NEXT MAJOR GAS PROVINCE

Beetaloo Energy Australia Ltd (ASX: BTL) is progressing one of Australia's most significant onshore energy developments, transforming the Beetaloo Sub-basin from successful exploration into commercial gas production.

With FID achieved, construction of the Carpentaria Pilot Project well underway and first pilot gas targeted for 2026, the Company is establishing the foundation for long-term domestic gas supply and future LNG exports.

Background

Beetaloo Energy Australia has invested more than A\$250 million in exploring, appraising and developing the Beetaloo Sub-basin, creating significant economic opportunities for regional communities, Traditional Owners and the Northern Territory. The Company is committed to delivering a new source of reliable, lower emissions natural gas that will strengthen Australia's energy security while supporting jobs, investment and regional development.

Opportunity

Beetaloo Energy Australia holds the largest acreage position in the highly prospective Greater McArthur Basin, including the core of the Beetaloo Subbasin.

The Company has already secured a binding Gas Sales Agreement with the Northern Territory Government, providing an initial domestic market for appraisal gas production.

Beyond the pilot project, Beetaloo Energy continues to unlock the significant exploration potential of its Western Beetaloo acreage through seismic acquisition and future appraisal drilling programs aimed at expanding the Company's substantial resource base.

Progress

The Carpentaria Pilot Project represents the first stage of commercial development and is advancing rapidly following FID.

Construction activities are well progressed, including installation of the Carpentaria Gas Plant, expansion of water management infrastructure and construction of gas gathering pipelines connecting the Carpentaria-2H, Carpentaria-3H and Carpentaria- 5H wells.

Following completion of the successful Carpentaria-5H drilling program, the Company has commenced the next phase of extended production testing that will underpin pilot gas production and future field development.

Beetaloo Energy remains fully funded through first gas production, supported by a successful capital raising together with a Midstream Infrastructure Facility provided by Macquarie Bank to fund completion of the Carpentaria Gas Plant and associated infrastructure.

Delivering Australia's Energy Future

Beetaloo Energy is progressing toward first pilot gas production during 2026, positioning the Company as one of Australia's newest gas producers.

With construction underway, key approvals secured, strong Traditional Owner partnerships established and funding in place, the Company is executing a disciplined, phased development strategy designed to deliver long-term value for shareholders while supplying reliable, lower-emissions natural gas to Australian and international energy markets.

AT-A-GLANCE



THREE PHASE DEVELOPMENT

1. Carpentaria Pilot Project – up to 25 TJ/day
2. Domestic Gas Development – up to 200 TJ/day
3. Full Field Development – up to 1 Bcf/day



SUPPORTING LNG EXPORTS



LOW CO₂ INTENSITY <1% Reservoir CO₂



100% OWNED AND OPERATED

by Beetaloo Energy Australia

POWERING AUSTRALIA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Tamboran Resources is advancing one of Australia's most significant new energy developments, connecting Beetaloo gas resources with domestic and international energy markets.

Background

Tamboran Resources is the largest acreage holder in the Beetaloo Sub-basin with 2.8 million net prospective acres.

The company is now transitioning from exploration to commercialisation, targeting its first commercial gas sales to the Northern Territory in Q3 2026 and work towards production.

Approach

Tamboran is developing the Beetaloo in staged phases to supply reliable gas to the Northern Territory, Australia's east coast and future LNG export markets.

The project combines world-leading shale expertise, enabling infrastructure and strategic partnerships to accelerate commercial production while supporting long-term economic growth.

Solution

Tamboran is progressing the Shenandoah South Pilot Project with their joint venture partners Daly Waters Energy, combining world-leading shale expertise with strategic infrastructure to accelerate commercial gas production.

Recent milestones include:

- Targeting first commercial gas sales to the Northern Territory market in Q3 2026.
- Record initial production flow rates from the SS-6H well, following other successful flow tests further demonstrating the Beetaloo's world-class resource potential.
- Construction of the Sturt Plateau Compression Facility and connection to the APA-operated Sturt Plateau Pipeline.
- Applying leading shale technologies through partnerships with experienced international and Australian energy companies.

Outcomes

Tamboran's investment is helping transform the Beetaloo from an exploration province into an internationally significant energy development.

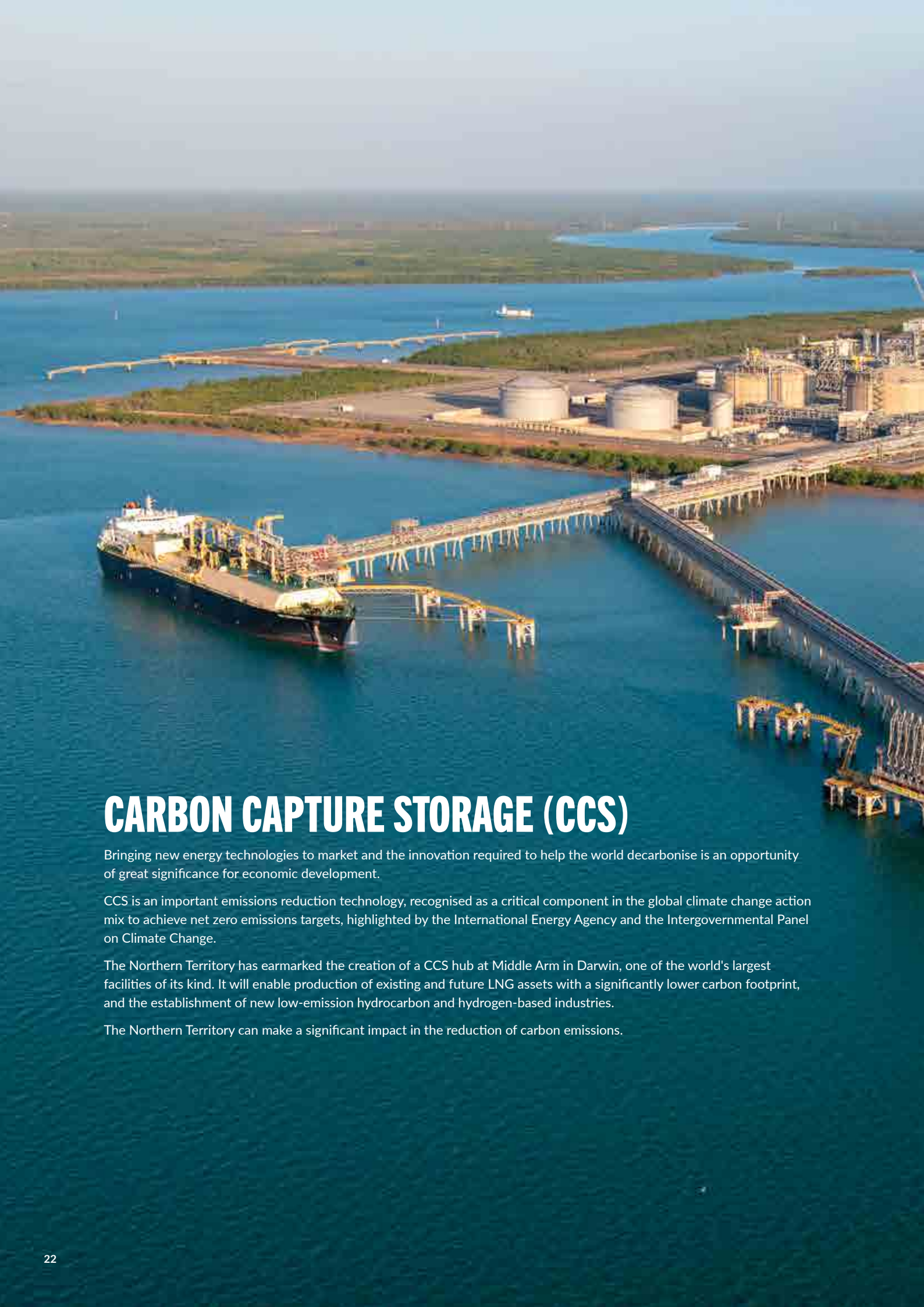
The project is expected to:

- Strengthen domestic energy security through long-term gas supply to the Northern Territory and Australia's east coast.
- Further grow the Northern Territory as an LNG export hub for the Asia-Pacific region.
- Create opportunities for Territorian businesses through local procurement, construction and supply chains.
- Demonstrate global confidence in the Northern Territory as an investment destination for large-scale energy projects.

"The opportunity we have here at Tamboran and in Beetaloo is to turn this natural resource into energy security for the Northern Territory, East Coast of Australia, and APAC as a whole."

Todd Abbott,
CEO, Tamboran Resources Corporation





CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE (CCS)

Bringing new energy technologies to market and the innovation required to help the world decarbonise is an opportunity of great significance for economic development.

CCS is an important emissions reduction technology, recognised as a critical component in the global climate change action mix to achieve net zero emissions targets, highlighted by the International Energy Agency and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The Northern Territory has earmarked the creation of a CCS hub at Middle Arm in Darwin, one of the world's largest facilities of its kind. It will enable production of existing and future LNG assets with a significantly lower carbon footprint, and the establishment of new low-emission hydrocarbon and hydrogen-based industries.

The Northern Territory can make a significant impact in the reduction of carbon emissions.

BRINGING WORLD-LEADING SHALE EXPERTISE TO THE BEETALOO

Liberty Energy is bringing world-leading shale technology, equipment and expertise to the Beetaloo Sub-basin, supporting the commercial development of one of Australia's most significant new energy provinces.

Its investments and strategic partnerships with Tamboran Resources and Beetaloo Energy Australia demonstrate growing international confidence in the Northern Territory as a globally competitive destination for large-scale energy investment.

Background

Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, Liberty Energy is one of North America's leading energy services companies, providing advanced hydraulic fracturing and wireline completion technologies across the United States' major shale basins.

In 2023, Liberty entered a strategic partnership with Tamboran Resources and made a US\$10 million equity investment, backing commercial development of the Beetaloo Sub-basin. The investment marked Liberty's first major international operational deployments, committing not only capital but a full North American style frac fleet and crew, later followed by the deployment of two purpose-built wireline units, and additional completions support equipment into the Northern Territory.

In April 2024, Liberty extended its commitment to the basin, acting as a cornerstone investor in a \$46.8 million capital raise by Empire Energy Group — now Beetaloo Energy Australia (ASX: BTL) — with a US\$5 million equity investment. Liberty Energy Australia Pty Limited separately invested US\$2.5 million to acquire a 2.25% overriding royalty interest over Beetaloo Energy's Carpentaria Project, with proceeds directed toward development of the Carpentaria Pilot Project. Together, these commitments represent more than US\$17.5 million invested across two of the basin's leading operators.

Approach

Working alongside Tamboran Resources and Beetaloo Energy Australia, Liberty Energy is applying proven United States shale technologies and operational expertise to accelerate commercial gas production in the Beetaloo.

The partnerships combine advanced hydraulic fracturing equipment, dedicated wireline units and experienced field crews with modern completion techniques to improve drilling efficiency, lower development costs and support the delivery of Australia's next major onshore gas province.

Solution

Liberty Energy continues to play a key role in the development of the Shenandoah South Pilot Project, delivering both frac and wireline services across the campaign.

Recent milestones include:

- Deploying modern hydraulic fracturing and wireline equipment and operational expertise from the United States to the Northern Territory.
- Completing the largest stimulation campaign in Beetaloo Basin history — the first three-well zipper stimulation.
- Averaging nearly 7 stimulated stages per day, including a single-day record of 12 stages.
- Supporting Tamboran's drilling and completion program ahead of targeted first commercial gas sales to the Northern Territory Government in Q3 2026.
- Providing cornerstone equity and royalty capital to Beetaloo Energy Australia, supporting the advancement of its Carpentaria Pilot Project toward first gas.

Outcomes

Liberty Energy's investments demonstrate growing international confidence in the Northern Territory's emerging energy sector.

The partnerships are helping to:

- Introduce world-leading shale frac and wireline technologies and operational expertise to Australia.
- Accelerate commercial development of the Beetaloo Sub-basin through record-setting operational performance.
- Strengthen Australia's future energy security by supporting new domestic gas supply.
- Reinforce the Northern Territory as a globally competitive destination for energy investment and technology partnerships.



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US\$10M

Equity investment in Tamboran Resources (2023)

US\$5M

Cornerstone equity investment in Beetaloo Energy Australia (2024)

US\$2.5M

Royalty interest investment in Beetaloo Energy Australia's Carpentaria Project



FIRST MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DEPLOYMENT

Liberty Energy frac and wireline technology to the NT



FIRST THREE-WELL ZIPPER

Largest stimulation campaign in Beetaloo history



6.7 STAGES/DAY

Average stimulation rate, with a 12-stage single-day record



2026

Supporting Tamboran's and Beetaloo Energy's first gas sales to the NT Government



DELIVERING ENERGY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, INPEX is Japan's largest exploration and production company, engaged in the development and operation of energy projects worldwide.

Background

The INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG onshore process facilities at Bladin Point near Darwin, cool gas from the Ichthys Field and transform it into liquid for transport. The gas arrives in

Darwin via an 890-kilometre gas export pipeline from Western Australia – the longest subsea pipeline in the southern hemisphere.

Ichthys LNG's onshore processing facilities include: two LNG processing trains, LPG and condensate plants, product storage tanks, a combined cycle power plant, administration facilities, utilities and a product load out jetty.

The LNG processing trains have capacity to produce 9.3 million tonnes of LNG per annum, at peak production.

INPEX is committed to delivering sustainable energy and is actively pursuing carbon capture and storage (CCS) initiatives in the Bonaparte Basin, located approximately 260 kilometres offshore from Darwin.

Opportunity Key to decarbonising INPEX's LNG operations in the Northern Territory is the development of a CCS compression system at Bladin Point.

The proposed Bonaparte Carbon Capture and Storage Project Assessment Joint Venture has commenced preliminary front-end engineering design (pre-FEED) work following the drilling of two CO₂ storage appraisal wells and approximately 1,800 km³ of 3D seismic data acquisition.

These efforts confirmed the presence of a high-quality saline aquifer reservoir and thick sealing formations in the Bonaparte Basin—key indicators of a viable site for safe, permanent carbon storage.

The extracted CO₂ is proposed to be compressed at Ichthys LNG and transported via a pipeline to a permanent underground storage reservoir in the Bonaparte Basin, off the Northern Territory's northwest coast.

In July 2025, the Australian Government awarded Major Project Status to the proposed Bonaparte Carbon Capture and Storage Project.

Approach

Leveraging a decade-long relationship with the Northern Territory Government, INPEX is continuing to strengthen its strategic collaboration to harness the Territory's abundant natural gas resources and decarbonising their operations.

Solution

INPEX and the Northern Territory Government signed a significant commitment statement

The agreement features three pillars for strategic alignment, collaboration and synergy, including:

1. an increase in LNG production capacity and expansion of its facility at Bladin Point,
2. creation of a CCS Hub (at the Middle Arm Precinct); and
3. development of carbon storage in the Bonaparte Basin.

INPEX is also working closely with the Northern Territory Government through a strategic commitment focused on expanding LNG production, developing carbon capture and storage infrastructure and creating new economic opportunities associated with the net zero transition.

Outcomes

The proposed Bonaparte CCS Project has the potential to become one of Australia's largest carbon capture and storage developments, supporting emissions reduction across the energy sector while strengthening the Northern Territory's position as a regional hub for low-carbon industry.

By combining world-scale LNG infrastructure with emerging carbon management technologies, the project demonstrates how the Territory is supporting both energy security and the transition to a lower-emissions future.

ICHTHYS LNG ONSHORE PROCESSING FACILITIES

- TWO LNG PROCESSING TRAINS
- LPG AND CONDENSATE PLANTS
- PRODUCT STORAGE TANKS
- COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT
- ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES AND UTILITIES
- PRODUCT LOAD OUT JETTY

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9.3 MTPA LNG

capacity of processing trains (at peak production)



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Actively pursuing CCS in Bonaparte Basin



EXPANDING GAS OPERATIONS TO SECURE DOMESTIC AND ASIAN ENERGY SUPPLY

As Santos prepares for first gas at its Barossa gas project, 300 kilometres north of Darwin, the global energy company is also advancing plans for other projects throughout the region, including a CCS hub at Bayu-Undan in Timor-Leste to link back to Darwin LNG.

Background

Santos has had a long and important association with the Northern Territory, stretching back many decades.

As detailed in its 2025 full-year results, the company has made significant progress on projects including Barossa LNG, Darwin LNG life extension and Darwin Pipeline Duplication. It is also working on plans for the Beetaloo Sub-basin.

The company has engaged 54 Aboriginal trainees, employees and apprentices since 2023, delivering jobs and support for local businesses.

Milestones

- **Darwin LNG Life Extension Project** – successfully reached 'Ready for Start-Up' status, transitioning the plant to receive feed gas from the offshore Barossa field. The refurbishment extends the facility's safe operating life by approximately 20 years, supporting a production capacity of roughly 3.7 Mtpa.
- **The Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund (BAFF)** – a voluntary fund established by Santos and the Barossa joint venture partners, is investing A\$2.9 million to build and operate new laundry facilities for remote and urban Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory in partnership with the Santos Foundation and the Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG).
- **Barossa LNG** – in early January 2026, the first cargo from Barossa LNG was successfully loaded on a ship bound for Japan. Over the next 20 years, this project will secure approximately 300 permanent positions in the Northern Territory with an estimated A\$2.5B worth of wages and contracts expected to flow for Territorians over that time.

- **Beetaloo Sub-basin** – Santos has an exploration permit (EP 161) within the Beetaloo Basin, located approximately 160 kilometres east of Daly Waters. Subject to relevant approvals, a drilling appraisal program is planned for 2026.

A memorandum of understanding was executed with Tamboran Resources to complete a joint study on gas export options for Beetaloo through DLNG expansion up to approved nominal 10 Mtpa capacity.

Future Plans

Alongside INPEX, Santos remains committed to supporting the Northern Territory Government's vision for the Middle Arm Precinct as a hub for low-emissions LNG, carbon capture and storage, advanced manufacturing, mineral processing and hydrogen industries.

In the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Santos is progressing a 2026–27 appraisal program focused on demonstrating commercial flow rates at scale and further validating the basin's development potential. Building on successful flow testing at the Tanumbirini well site, Santos continues to assess future development opportunities across its acreage position.

The company is also evaluating potential pipeline routes to connect Beetaloo gas resources with Darwin and east coast markets, supporting future domestic gas supply and export opportunities.

In partnership with Tamboran Resources, Santos is exploring opportunities to expand Darwin LNG and unlock future gas export pathways from the Beetaloo Basin. These initiatives are expected to support long-term energy security, strengthen the Northern Territory's role as a regional energy hub and create new opportunities for industry and investment.



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BAROSSA LNG

- Supports 300 jobs
- A\$2.5B local spend over project life



DARWIN LNG LIFE EXTENSION

- Expected production 3.7Mtpa
- Added 20 years operational life



CCS

- Potential to store up to 10M tonnes CO₂ annually



BEETALOO SUB-BASIN

- Drilling planned 2026
- MOU with Tamboran Resources for joint study on gas export options

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Australia receives an average of 58 million PJ of solar radiation per year, approximately 10,000 times larger than its total energy consumption.

The Northern Territory features some of the highest solar irradiance levels in the world, averaging between 22 to 24 MJ/m² per day (5.94 to 6.03 kWh/m²). This makes our jurisdiction a prime location for gigawatt-scale infrastructure.

We seek to leverage our natural advantages to power future clean energy industries.

HARNESSING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA'S WORLD-CLASS SOLAR RESOURCE

Background

The Barkly Region of Northern Australia has some of the world's most abundant, consistent and high-irradiance sunshine. SunCable is harnessing this world-class solar resource to develop a renewable energy precinct delivering low-cost, firm electricity at scale for industrial customers in Northern Australia and Southeast Asia.

As global energy demand accelerates, electrification is becoming the cornerstone of industrial growth and the energy transition.

Rising demand for AI and hyperscale data centres is driving unprecedented growth in electricity consumption and infrastructure requirements.

Opportunity

SunCable is developing a multi-GW off-grid industrial campus that integrates power, land, water, connectivity and security to meet demand from data centres, green fuels and other industrial users.

The project is being developed on a timeline that can supply customers the Barkly Region in the late 2020s, Darwin in the early 2030s, and enable cross-border electricity trade to Singapore and Southeast Asia from the mid-2030s.

Approach

SunCable is developing the project in segments aligned to customer requirements and commercial commitments.

The project integrates proven technology in solar generation, battery storage and HVDC transmission to provide multi-gigawatt, off-grid power.

SunCable has made strong progress on key approvals and agreements. The project has Federal and Northern Territory Major Project Status, a Project Development Agreement with the NT Government, and Principal Commonwealth and Northern Territory environmental approvals. The most progressed generation site has secured a pastoral land agreement and a 70-year Indigenous Land Use Agreement with Traditional Owners.

Solution

SunCable is developing a scalable renewable energy precinct in the Barkly Region with capacity to deliver up to 9 GW of firm renewable power to industrial users seeking access to low cost, green energy.

This can supply three key markets; co-located customer projects in the Barkly region, industrial developments in Darwin, and catalyse cross-border electricity trade to Southeast Asia.

Outcomes

This project has the potential to strengthen Australia's energy, digital and industrial capability while creating jobs, supporting industry participation, building skills and delivering long-term regional economic opportunities.

SunCable is headquartered in Darwin, and has demonstrated a commitment to the Territory since it was established.

Between 2018 and 2025, the company spent more than A\$17 million with Northern Territory businesses, representing 22 per cent of SunCable's total Australian spend, and paid more than A\$6 million in wages to NT residents. During the 2025 calendar year, SunCable's total company spend was approximately A\$14.5 million, with more than 30 per cent spent locally in the Northern Territory.

With a permanent Darwin presence since 2021 and a commitment to local participation through its Territory Benefit Plan, industry engagement and community investment programs, SunCable is helping lay the foundations for long-term economic and industrial development in Northern Australia.



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UP TO 9 GW

firm renewable power



~44,000HA

land available



3500-4500

peak construction workforce



\$17M+

local spend from 2018-2025



ILUA SIGNED

with Traditional Owners

MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS

The Northern Territory is home to some of Australia's largest deposits of minerals including manganese, bauxite, phosphate, gold and uranium, as well as critical minerals such as graphite, zinc, rare earths, tungsten and lithium.

**WE HAVE THE RESOURCES
FOR MODERN LIFE**



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Current Activities

Underpinned by a rich geological endowment, a strong regulatory environment, and growing global demand for critical minerals and gold the Northern Territory is playing an increasingly important role in global supply chains supporting economic resilience, advanced technologies, defence industries and the clean-energy transition.

Mining and minerals processing is a priority sector, contributing 23% of the Northern Territory's Gross State Product, employing approximately 3,400 people and generating A\$8.4 billion in economic output, while mineral exploration added A\$130.7 million in 2024-25.

Nine mines currently operate across the Northern Territory. The extractives industry also supports production of non-metallic materials such as rock, sand, gravel, and quicklime. Together, these operations generated \$4.36 billion in mineral production in 2024-25.

The Northern Territory achieved major progress toward becoming a global critical minerals supplier in 2025-26. Arafura Rare Earths announced FID for the Nolans Rare Earth Project marking one of Australia's most significant integrated rare earth developments, KGL Resources secured substantial funding to support development of the Jervois Copper Project, and Core Lithium restarted its Finnis Lithium Operations. Strong progress also continued across the gold sector, with ongoing activity in the Pine Creek and Tanami regions and further consolidation and resource growth across the Tennant Creek Mineral Field. Proponents in the Beetaloo Sub-basin are progressing towards pilot production in 2026, supporting our role as both a critical minerals and energy supplier.

Operating mines	Company	Resources
Tanami Operations	Newmont Corporation	Gold
Nobles Gold Operations	Tennant Mines	Gold
McArthur River	Glencore PLC	Zinc, Lead, Silver
GEMCO	South32 Ltd	Manganese
Gove	Rio Tinto	Bauxite
Dhupuma Plateau	Gulkula Mining	Bauxite
Finniss Operations	Core Lithium	Lithium
Sill 80	Australia Ilmenite Resources	Ilmenite
Peko Tailings	Central Core Operating	Magnetite-rich tailings

Northern Territory Advantages

Globally significant mineral potential: The Northern Territory has highly prospective and underexplored geology, with significant opportunities across critical minerals, gold, base metals, uranium and energy resources, supported by a stable regulatory framework and long history of resource development.

Critical minerals and energy transition partner: The Northern Territory hosts resources for 21 globally recognised critical minerals, with emerging opportunities in a further 14 commodities essential to clean energy technologies, electrification, defence and advanced manufacturing. Gold also plays an important role in strengthening the economics of several critical minerals projects.

Energy-enabled resource development: The Northern Territory's growing gas and renewable energy sectors will help unlock large-scale mining, minerals processing and manufacturing opportunities through improved energy availability, infrastructure and industrial integration.

Strong government support: The Northern Territory Government actively supports resource development through recently updated approvals and regulatory frameworks, coordinated project facilitation, targeted investment attraction, exploration incentives and world-class pre-competitive geoscience programs.

Extensive open-file geoscience data: Investors and explorers benefit from free access to geological, geophysical, geochemical and drilling data, helping reduce exploration risk and accelerate discovery.

Access to capital and strategic funding: Australia is one of the world's leading jurisdictions for financing and developing large-scale resource projects, supported by capital markets, technical expertise and experienced mining services industries. Northern Territory projects are increasingly attracting strategic support from the Australian Government and international partners, particularly in critical minerals, energy security and defence-aligned supply chains.

Skilled and flexible workforce: Access to experienced local capability and established fly-in fly-out (FIFO) workforce networks supporting exploration, construction and mining operations across remote regions. The Northern Territory also has dedicated programs to encourage targeted skilled migration.

Rankings

Resources	Rankings – Northern Territory
Gold	Ranked in the top 5 gold-producing mines in Australia
Zinc	Australia's 2nd largest zinc producer and 5th largest globally
Manganese	Home to the world's largest low-cost manganese operation
Bauxite	Hosts one of the world's top 5 bauxite operations
Lithium	Australia's only lithium producer outside of Western Australia
Rare Earths	Potential to supply up to 4% of global magnet feed rare earth demand
Graphite	Hosts one of Australia's largest graphite deposits

Opportunities

Investment opportunities span the full value chain—from early stage exploration and downstream processing to fully permitted projects seeking direct equity, joint ventures, or offtake agreements.

For investors seeking diversification or vertical integration, or for institutions looking for strong debt and equity returns, the Northern Territory's resources sector presents compelling options in:

Exploration: Around 80% of land (1.35M km²) in the Northern Territory remains underexplored, presenting significant greenfields discovery potential. The government provides high-quality, free geoscience data and supports exploration through targeted pre-competitive geoscience programs and co-funded exploration grants under the [A\\$9.5 million Resourcing the Territory program](#). Recent reforms under the Mineral Titles Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 are also designed to improve regulatory efficiency, reduce administrative burden and provide greater certainty for industry investment.

Existing or developing projects: The Northern Territory offers significant potential for growth in the discovery and development of mineral resources. Currently, 16 mining projects are in development, with A\$6 billion in CapEx and are expected to generate approximately 3,000 construction jobs and 2,500 ongoing operational roles.¹⁸ The Territory also offers a competitive royalty regime and robust regulatory frameworks that support responsible development.²⁰ For more information, download [Mining Developments in the Northern Territory | Resourcing the Territory](#).

Downstream processing: There are strong prospects to capture added value from minerals, moving beyond resource extraction into high-value downstream processing. In Central Australia, Arafura Rare Earths Ltd is advancing Australia's first integrated rare earth element mining and separation plant at Nolans. In Darwin, the [Middle Arm Precinct](#) aims to be the cornerstone of the Northern Territory's critical minerals and clean energy industries.

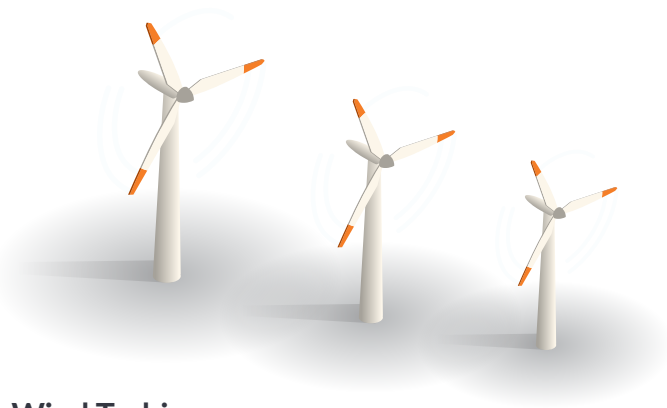
For a complete guide to the Northern Territory's mineral resources and geological potential for critical minerals, download [NT Critical Minerals and Gold in the Northern Territory 2026 | Resourcing the Territory](#).

CRITICAL MINERALS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

47 Ag Silver	13 Al Aluminium	27 Co Cobalt
83 Bi Bismuth	29 Cu Copper	6 C Graphite
26 Fe Iron	6 Li Lithium	12 Mg Magnesium
25 Mn Manganese	42 Mo Molybdenum	28 Ni Nickel
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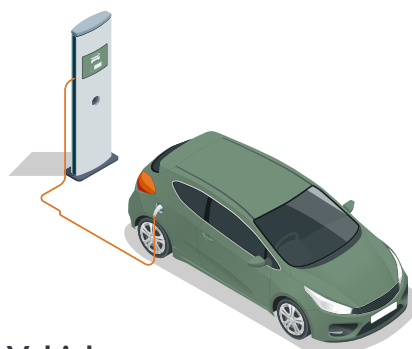
EMERGING CRITICAL MINERALS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

51 Sb Antimony	4 B Beryllium	9 F Fluorine
31 Ga Gallium	32 Ge Germanium	High Purity Alumina
41 Nb Niobium	Platinum Group Elements	21 Sc Scandium
34 Se Selenium	14 Si Silicon	50 Sn Tin
73 Ta Tantalum	52 Te Tellurium	



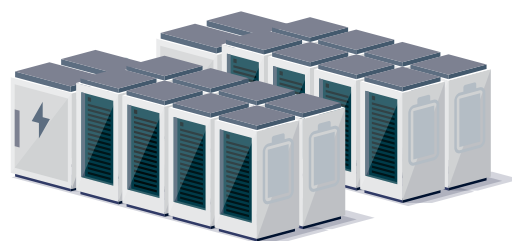
Wind Turbines

Wind turbines require concrete, steel, iron, fibreglass, polymers, aluminium, copper, zinc and rare earth elements.



Electric Vehicles

Electric vehicle battery chemistries depend on lithium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, and graphite.



Battery Storage

Lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, phosphate and graphite are crucial to battery performance, longevity and energy density.



High Tech and Electronics

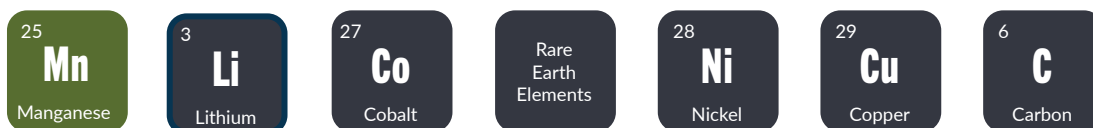
Cobalt, copper, lithium, nickel, rare earth elements and lesser known critical minerals are all essential for electronics high tech products and defence applications.

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF CRITICAL MINERALS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

RENEWABLE AND LOW EMISSIONS ENERGY



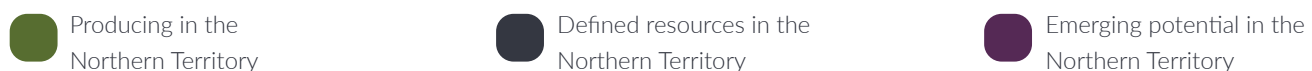
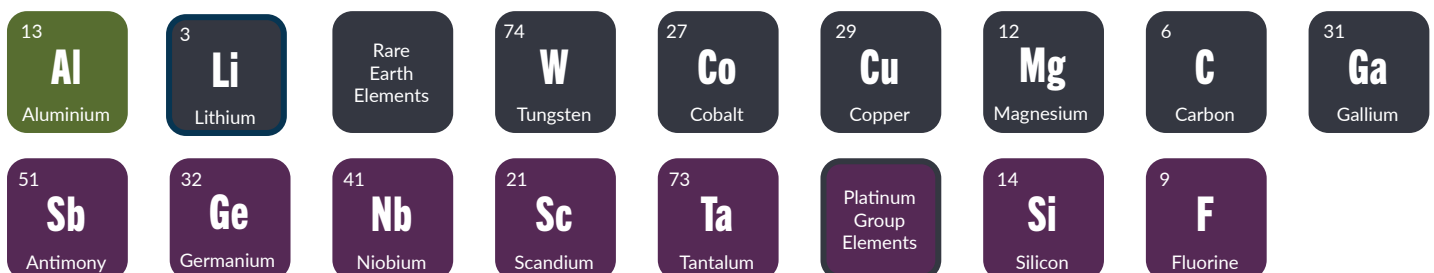
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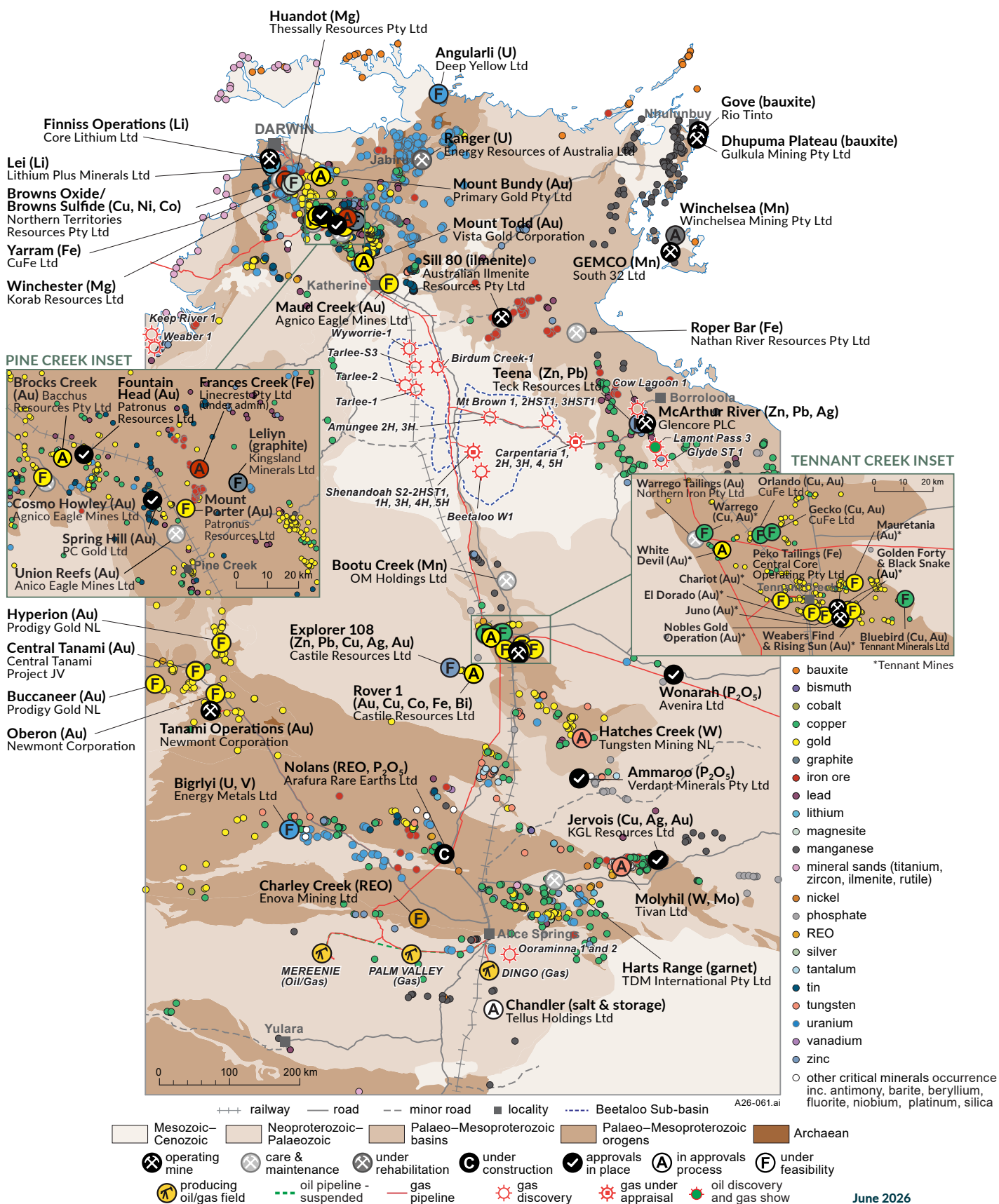
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MINERAL ENDOWMENT IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



GOLD IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory has a long gold mining history dating back to the 1800s and remains one of Australia's most prospective but underexplored regions for gold.

Established goldfields such as Tanami, Tennant Creek, and Pine Creek have collectively produced more than 20 million ounces of gold.

Ongoing exploration continues to unlock value in these historic regions, while underexplored areas offer highly prospective greenfield opportunities.

Tanami

The Tanami region has seen more than 10 million ounces of gold produced since 1986 and remains the Territory's most significant gold producing province. It is home to Newmont's Tanami Operations.

Newmont's expansion project is expected to unlock approximately 600,000 ounces of gold per annum from 2027, positioning it as Australia's second-largest gold mine after Boddington Gold Mine in Western Australia.

In 2025, MGX Resources Ltd (previously Mount Gibson Iron) finalised the purchase of Northern Star Resource's interest in the high-grade gold Central Tanami Project Joint Venture. With nearly 3 million ounces of gold resources, the JV is focused on constructing an exploration decline in 2026 and evaluating a high-grade gold development with potential for a development decision within 12-18 months.

Despite the Tanami Region's proven endowment and 14 million ounces in current gold resources, much remains underexplored.

Tennant Creek

Tennant Creek is re-emerging as a key mining district in the Northern Territory.

The Warramunga Province hosts the Tennant Creek and Rover mineral fields. Historic gold production from the Tennant Creek Mineral Field totals more than 5 million ounces of gold.

Tennant Mines has commenced gold production at Nobles Gold Operation and is progressing a pipeline of projects with potential for more than 10 years of operations. Alongside gold, Tennant Mines and other explorers are evaluating near-term opportunities for copper, bismuth, and cobalt production. The company's case study on the next page illustrates how recent investment and consolidation have enabled the re-commencement of mining operations in one of Australia's highest-grade goldfields.

Pine Creek

Located close to Darwin, the Pine Creek Orogen has a near continuous 140-year history of gold mining with more than 4 million ounces of gold produced, and nearly 18 million ounces in remaining gold resources. The region is also known for its rich polymetallic terranes.

There are a number of gold projects in the region progressing toward production, including the Mount Bundy gold project, the Spring Hill gold project and the 8 million ounce Mount Todd gold project near Katherine.

The Northern Territory Geological Survey is supporting this potential through pre-competitive geoscience designed to support exploration, including upgraded geophysical data and an updated regional geological framework.

A complete guide to the Northern Territory's mineral resources and geological potential for gold, download [NT Critical Minerals and Gold in the Northern Territory 2026 | Resourcing the Territory.](#)



GOLD AT-A-GLANCE



>661 TONNES
total production



12.1 TONNES
production
2024-25



>1000 TONNES
remaining JORC
resources



A\$1.7B
value of production
2024-25

REVITALISING LARGE-SCALE GOLD AND COPPER MINING IN THE BARKLY REGION

Tennant Mines is a gold and copper focused resource company with a portfolio of tenements across the Tennant Creek Mineral Field. The company is a 100%-owned subsidiary of South African mid-tier miner Pan African Resources PLC.

Background

Tennant Mines is operating a central processing facility at its Nobles Gold Operations 14 km east of Tennant Creek to process gold and then copper mined from its project areas across the Tennant Creek Mineral Field.

Commissioned ahead of schedule in May 2025, an initial 50,000 ounces of gold per annum is being produced. Plans to expand toward a broader hub-and-spoke mining operation incorporating a series of open-cut and underground mines. will increase production to around 100,000 ounces per annum over the medium term.

Phase 1 of this A\$94 million project is focussing on mining historical stockpiles, tailings, and new open pits and underground mines across the Nobles and other satellite project areas over the initial eight years.

Phase 2 will extend production to 15-20+ years through an ongoing exploration program and plans to add a polymetallic circuit to also process copper and critical minerals including bismuth and cobalt.

Approach

Extensive collaboration took place over two years to ensure the business case and feasibility studies met investment guidelines.

Solution

In December 2023, Tennant Mines secured an A\$10 million concessional loan from the Northern Territory Government.

This backing enabled the company to unlock private sector debt and equity financing to achieve financial close (FID) and progress into construction, and eventually commencement of operations in May 2025.

In 2026, Tennant Mines has significantly expanded its footprint and growth strategy through the acquisition of Emmerson Resources Ltd and its extensive Tennant Creek gold and copper assets including the high-grade White Devil Deposit, and dominant exploration footprint in the field.

Outcomes

Tennant Mines's Nobles Gold Operations and broader consolidation strategy signal the continued revitalisation of the Barkly Region as a leading mining hub for gold, copper and critical minerals.

It also reinforces the Northern Territory's position as an attractive, globally competitive destination for minerals processing and advanced manufacturing to support the global energy transition.

With gold resources of more than 2 Moz and reserves of 400,000 oz, Nobles Gold Operation is expected to inject A\$70 million to the Northern Territory's economy each year.

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A\$10M

Northern Territory Government Concessional Loan



A\$69.9M

per annum boost to the Northern Territory economy



A\$439M GSP

over first 5 years
(Figures modelled by the Northern Territory Government)



GOLD RESOURCES

>2 Moz

GOLD RESERVES

400,000 oz



POWERING THE FUTURE OF ELECTRIFICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

ASX-listed Australian mineral developer, Arafura Rare Earths Limited (ASX:ARU), is developing the Nolans Rare Earths Project.

Background

The cornerstone of the project is one of the world's largest undeveloped Neodymium and Praseodymium (NdPr) resources, 135 km north of Alice Springs. With an initial mine life of 38 years, and a valuable phosphoric acid by-product, Nolans will be a long life, low-cost operation producing NdPr oxide – a critical component for high performance magnets used in the manufacture of electric vehicles, consumer electronics, and renewable energy including wind turbines. Demand for NdPr is expected to double by 2032, driven by the boom in robotics and AI technologies.

The Nolans project encompasses a mine, process plant (comprising beneficiation, extraction, and separation plants) and related infrastructure.

Opportunity

Rare earths are essential to achieving a lower carbon future and supporting the global energy transition. Arafura reached a Financial Investment Decision (FID) in May 2026 and will commence construction in September 2026. Construction will take three years with first production planned for 2029, marking Australia's first integrated ore-to-oxide rare earth developments.

Approach

The technical and economic viability of Nolans has been demonstrated through extensive studies including a four-year metallurgical piloting program and definitive feasibility study.

In 2023, Arafura invested more than A\$40 million to complete the early works construction and become shovel ready. Between 2024 and 2026, Arafura focused on strategic financing, funding and offtake strategies to support FID.

Arafura is fully engaged with its community stakeholders, having established a strong relationship with the Traditional Owners.

Solution

Arafura has achieved conditional approval for more than US\$1 billion in debt funding and completion support. The Australian Government has committed nearly A\$1 billion in Commonwealth funding, including A\$200 million equity investment commitment from the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC), and an additional conditional equity investment of US\$100 million from Export Finance Australia. Binding equity related commitments together with equity previously raised by the Company for the development of Nolans now totals more than A\$900 million.

In May 2026, Arafura announced a binding term sheet with Traxys North America for 500tpa NdPr oxide and 7.5 tpa DyTb oxide for a minimum 5 year period. Arafura also announced that Export Finance Australia issued a non-binding Letter of Support for potential participation in the Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve, covering up to 500 tpa NdPr oxide. These arrangements, together with existing agreements with Hyundai, Kia, Siemens Gamesa and Traxys Europe SA, satisfied Arafura's targeted offtake requirements and supported the company's subsequent Final Investment Decision for the Nolans Project.

Arafura continues to evaluate the Phase 2 expansion of Nolans, which could potentially enable an increase in processing throughput, increase capability in processing heavy rare earths, and the opportunity to become a third-party processing hub for other Australian rare earth companies.

Outcomes

Nolans will be Australia's first integrated ore-to-oxide rare earths mine and processing facility, producing 4,440 tonnes of NdPr oxide per year. This multi-generational project will deliver substantial benefits to the Northern Territory economy over a 38 year+ mine life, with 600+ construction jobs forecasted and a 350+ strong operational workforce. Additionally, Nolans is a strategic geopolitical asset as demonstrated by its funding strategy. Arafura will benefit from the proximity of Nolans to global markets.



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Australia's **1ST** integrated ore-to-oxide rare earths mine and processing facility



NET ZERO by 2050 commitment



600+ construction jobs



350+ operational jobs



38-YEAR mine life (29-year reserve)



4,440 tonnes p.a. (4% of the world's magnet rare earths supply from 2032)

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

WE ARE A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY

The Northern Territory is emerging as Australia's digital gateway to Asia, attracting investment in the connectivity, data infrastructure and energy systems that will power the next generation of AI, cloud computing and global digital services.

Current Activities

Darwin delivers Australia's closest digital connection to Asia and is rapidly emerging as a major hub for international connectivity, data infrastructure and digital investment.

Positioned closer to key Asian markets than any other Australian capital city, Darwin provides the lowest-latency connection to Singapore available in Australia. Located within 50 milliseconds of hundreds of millions of people across the Indo-Pacific, the city is uniquely positioned to support businesses requiring fast, secure and reliable access to regional and global markets.

The Northern Territory occupies a strategically important position within Australia's international telecommunications network. Existing and planned subsea cable systems connecting Darwin to Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Guam and the United States are transforming the city into one of the nation's most significant cable landing and interconnection hubs. These investments are creating diverse, resilient and high-capacity digital pathways that support cloud services, artificial intelligence, advanced communications and next-generation digital industries.

Darwin's connectivity advantage is further strengthened by significant investment in terrestrial fibre infrastructure. Through Northern Territory Government support and ongoing private sector investment, backbone capacity has expanded dramatically, creating a high-capacity network linking Darwin with major Australian markets and regional centres. This growing fibre ecosystem provides the redundancy, resilience and scalability increasingly demanded by hyperscale and enterprise customers.

At the same time, investment in data centre infrastructure is accelerating. The expansion of NEXTDC's Darwin facility, alongside a growing pipeline of digital infrastructure projects, is establishing the Territory as a secure location for data storage, cloud services, edge computing and emerging AI workloads. Combined with available land, expanding energy capacity and a supportive investment environment, the Northern Territory offers significant long-term growth potential for digital infrastructure operators.

Northern Territory Advantages

Global Connectivity: A growing concentration of international subsea cable systems is positioning Darwin as a leading digital gateway between Australia, Asia and North America.

INDIA

MEDAN

SINGAPORE

BATAM

JAKARTA

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

- Vocus Installed network (ASC, DJSC, NWCS, TLSSC)
- BW Digital Hawaiki Nui 1
- Inligo Asia Connect Cable System
- Inligo Unite Cable System
- Telstra Aura Network (Subject to demand)
- Meta Waterworth
- NEXTDC D1 & D2 Data Centres
- Google Honomoana cable
- Google-Meta Echo project
- Google-Meta Echo spur
- Google Bosun cable
- Google Tabua cable
- Google TalayLink
- Google Perth to India cable

Digital Infrastructure Ecosystem: Investment in data centres, fibre networks and telecommunications infrastructure is creating a connected and scalable platform for future growth.

Space and Capacity to Grow: Available land, expanding energy infrastructure and long-term development opportunities provide advantages increasingly difficult to secure in established digital markets.

Government Partnership: Dedicated investment facilitation and coordinated project support help investors navigate approvals and accelerate delivery of strategic developments.

Indo-Pacific Opportunity: The Northern Territory provides a secure, stable and strategically located platform for organisations seeking to service Australian, Asian and global markets.

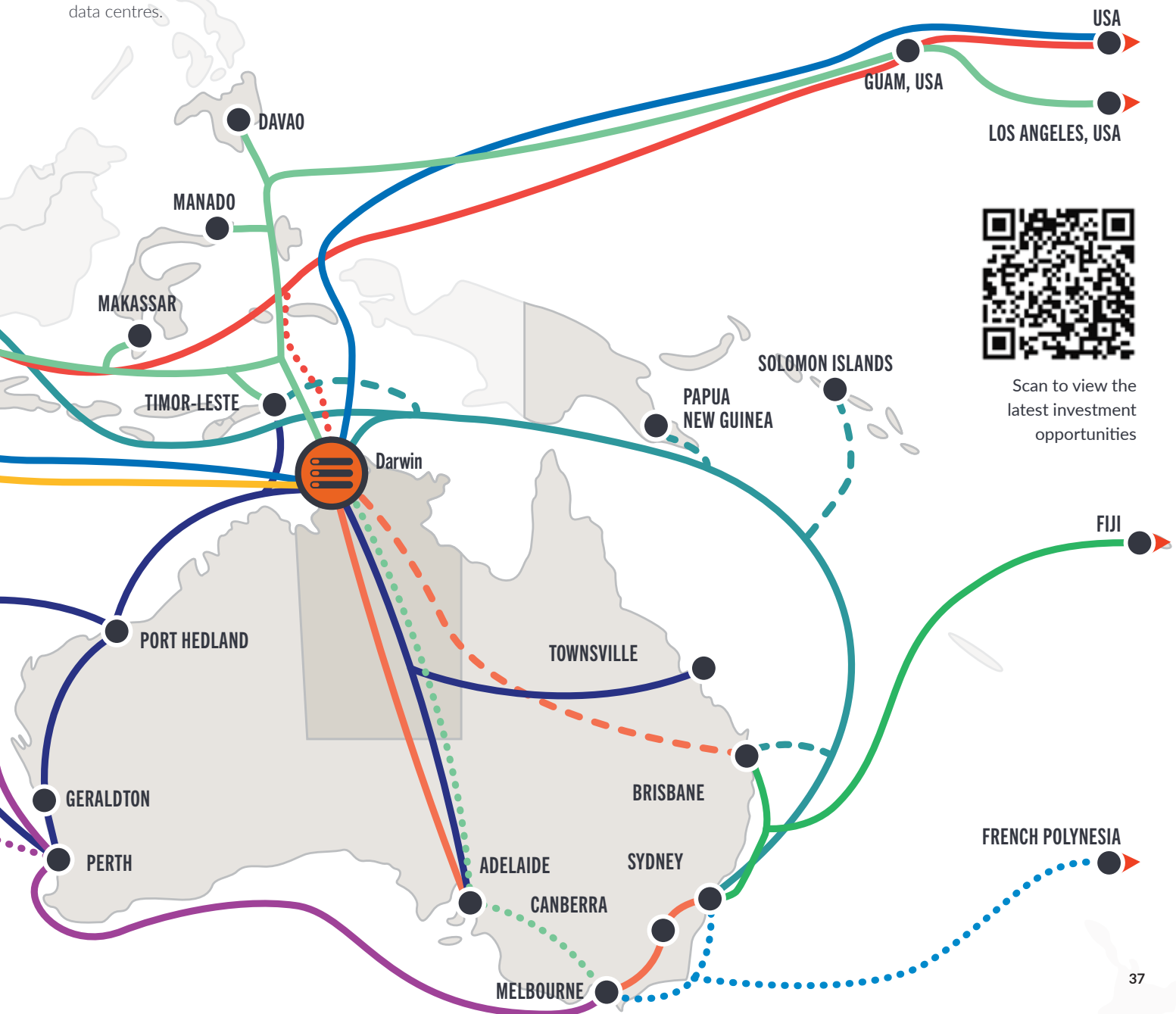
Opportunities

Data Centres and Hyperscalers: The Northern Territory offers scalable energy, international subsea connectivity, development-ready land and low-latency access to Asia, creating an ideal environment for hyperscale and enterprise data centres. Investment opportunities include AI-ready campuses, sovereign and enterprise cloud infrastructure, edge computing facilities and high-performance data centres.

Artificial Intelligence: The Northern Territory combines reliable energy, secure digital infrastructure and world-class connectivity to support the next generation of AI infrastructure. Investors can develop AI training and inference facilities, GPU compute clusters, sovereign AI capability and advanced digital services supporting defence, resources, government and industry.

Advanced Communications: Darwin is becoming Australia's northern communications gateway through multiple international subsea cable systems, expanding terrestrial fibre networks and carrier-neutral connectivity. Opportunities exist to invest in telecommunications infrastructure, cable landing facilities, network operations, cloud connectivity and digital communications services linking Australia with Asia.

Next Generation Digital Industries: The Northern Territory provides the enabling infrastructure, skilled workforce and collaborative innovation ecosystem needed to grow future digital industries. Opportunities span cyber security, robotics, autonomous systems, digital engineering, remote operations, defence technologies, software development and emerging technology enterprises.



ADVANCING GLOBAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

Australia's specialist fibre and network solutions provider, Vocus, focuses on high-speed digital backbone networks, delivering equity of access across the country.

Background

Vocus has been instrumental in delivering high-speed digital backbone networks nationwide. In partnership with the Northern Territory Government, Vocus has significantly upgraded digital capabilities through the Terabit Territory project.

A key component of this initiative was the development and installation of the Northern Territory's first undersea international telecommunications cable, the Darwin-Jakarta-Singapore Cable (DJSC), positioning Darwin as a critical hub in Australia's global connectivity network.

Opportunity

The Northern Territory required improved digital infrastructure to support economic growth, enable business innovation and enhance connectivity to major international markets. Existing digital capabilities lacked the speed and reliability needed to compete effectively in the digital economy.

Approach

To address this, the Northern Territory Government collaborated with Vocus to upgrade the existing fibre network and establish direct international digital links, investing A\$7.9 million as part of the broader Terabit Territory strategy.

Solution

Vocus leveraged its expertise in fibre-optic infrastructure to deliver a state-of-the-art telecommunications network. This included upgrading the Northern Territory's high-speed terrestrial network from 10Gbps to a 200Gbps fibre backbone, with a total capacity of 20Tbps.

As part of this initiative, Vocus also completed the 7,700km DJSC in July 2023, providing a direct link to major technology hubs in Singapore and Jakarta.

This incorporated the 1,000 km cable connecting the existing Vocus North-West Cable System to its Australia-Singapore Cable, to enhance international connectivity and digital resilience for the Northern Territory.

Outcomes

The completion of the DJSC cable has transformed the Northern Territory's digital landscape. It has established a world-class international 20Tbps link, providing seamless connectivity with the rest of Australia.

This enhanced network not only improves digital resilience by reducing reliance on existing subsea cables in Australia's south but also strengthens redundancy in the event of outages or natural disasters.

Beyond connectivity, the DJSC cable has unlocked increased economic opportunities, supporting local businesses, industries, and digital service providers.

This infrastructure investment lays a strong foundation for future developments, including the establishment of new data centres in Darwin, further solidifying the Northern Territory's role as the digital gateway of Northern Australia and a leading regional digital hub.

The project now underpins Darwin's expanding ecosystem of international subsea cables, hyperscale data centres and AI-ready digital infrastructure, there strengthening the Northern Territory's position as Australia's digital bridge to Asia.

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FIBRE NETWORK UPGRADE
from 400Gbps to 20Tbps



A\$7.9M
investment from the Northern Territory Government



A\$100M
project value



130+
jobs during construction



DARWIN-JAKARTA-SINGAPORE CABLE
deployed in July 2023



Integration with
NEXTDC D1 DARWIN



NEXTDC

ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN TERRITORY AS A REGIONAL DIGITAL HUB

Australia's leading data centre service provider, NEXTDC Limited, has cemented its presence in the Territory, investing a total of A\$212M to develop their D1 and D2 Darwin Data Centre.

Background

D1 Darwin is a flagship project in NEXTDC's broader plan to establish state-of-the-art data centres in the Territory.

This critical infrastructure project is a game-changer for the region's digital capabilities.

This connectivity enables legacy industries such as mining and resources, along with the defence sector to achieve real-time responsiveness for operational and

mission-critical needs, fully unlocking the potential of emerging technologies.

Opportunity

The Northern Territory recognised a need for reliable data centres to strengthen the growing network of subsea and terrestrial digital cables, drive domestic and international trade and investment, and establish the region as a strategic gateway to Asia and beyond.

Approach

The Northern Territory Government launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the development and operation of a commercial data centre in Darwin.

Solution

Australian-owned and operated, NEXTDC has been designing, building, and running Australia's largest network of premium cloud-enabled data centres for 16 years.

The company was selected as the successful proponent with the Government providing strategic support to align the project with broader digital economy goals.

Outcomes

D1 Darwin was successfully switched on in August 2024, utilising both domestic and subsea cables into Darwin to provide data storage for Australian and international customers.

The data centre offers national and international connectivity through the Vocus Darwin-Jakarta-Singapore subsea cable project.

Expanding partnerships with digital cable networks is just the beginning, further strengthening the Northern Territory's role as a regional digital hub.

This is already taking shape with Google's Bosun Australia Connect initiative, which was announced in 2024 to enhance Indo-Pacific connectivity.

The Bosun Subsea Cable, which will link Darwin to Christmas Island and onwards to Singapore, is a collaborative initiative involving Google, NEXTDC, SUBCO, and Vocus.

Today, NEXTDC's expanding Darwin campus is helping position the Northern Territory as Australia's northern digital gateway and a strategic location for the next generation of AI enabled infrastructure. D2 Darwin is expected to come online from September 2026.



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7MW

IT capacity, 1MW available now and additional 6MW available from September 2026



A\$212M

combined project value for D1 and D2



100% UPTIME

delivered



TIER IV-CERTIFIED

uptime Institute certified



CONNECTED

to the Vocus Darwin-Jakarta-Singapore cable



DELIVERING NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Inligo Networks is developing of the Indo-Pacific's largest private digital infrastructure projects.

Background

Inligo Networks is an independent, private subsea cable owner and operator that is building digital infrastructure to strengthen connectivity between Australia, Southeast Asia, and North America.

Opportunity

Rising global demand for high-speed internet and data transmission is fuelling the need to maintain and grow submarine cable networks, which are essential for international connectivity and data transfer.

Approach

At the heart of Inligo Network's vision to provide next-generation network coverage is the Asia Connect Cable System (ACC-1), which will establish high-speed, low-latency connections between key economic hubs, including Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and the US.

Darwin serves as a strategic landing point for ACC-1, where it will integrate with Inligo's Unite Cable System—a terrestrial fibre-optic network that will connect Darwin with Adelaide, Melbourne and Geelong.

The network will also extend its reach to connect with Inligo's ACC-1 subsea cable connecting Darwin to Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Guam, and Los Angeles reinforcing Darwin's position as a key digital gateway between Asia, the Pacific and North America.

Solution

The Northern Territory Government is playing an ongoing facilitation role to support Inligo, ensuring the successful development and integration of the ACC-1 and the Unite Cable System through the Darwin Cable Landing Station.

Scope of support has included active facilitation services, cross-agency coordination, support through regulations, approvals, processing requirements, introduction to key stakeholders and navigation through project timeframes to enable a smooth development.

Inligo Networks is currently working through development approvals and design of the Cable Landing Station (CLS) in Fannie Bay, close to the Darwin CBD.

The CLS will provide services to major data and communications clients and help attract additional data centre investment.

Outcomes

The Unite Cable System is currently under construction and the planned CLS is due for completion in 2028.

The ACC-1 network will provide global telecommunications company and government agencies with a hyperscale route between Australia, Southeast Asia and the US. ACC-1 is due to start operations in 2028.

The combination of ACC-1 and the Unite Cable System will position Darwin as a digital gateway that can support the high technology industries in Australia's north and connect Australia with the dynamic economies of Southeast Asia.

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2028

estimated completion date for ACC-1 and Unite Cable System



A\$1.2B

investment



ACC-1 CAPACITY

256 tbps in trunk and
96 tbps in Darwin Branch



UNITE CABLE CAPACITY

864 tbps
First stage: 3,070 km from
Darwin to Adelaide

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WHERE INNOVATION BECOMES COMMERCIAL REALITY

The Northern Territory is emerging as a proving ground for future technologies, where next-generation innovations are tested, validated and commercialised under real operating conditions before scaling into Indo-Pacific and equatorial markets.

The combination of strategic location, vast operating environments and enabling infrastructure provides a globally distinctive platform for autonomous systems, advanced communications, space technologies and defence innovation, giving investors the confidence to commercialise and scale new technologies.

Current Activities

An increasing number of organisations are choosing the Northern Territory to validate and commercialise next-generation technologies across autonomous systems, advanced communications and space.

Key examples include:

- **North Australia Centre for Autonomous Systems (NACAS), Charles Darwin University** – has developed into one of Australia's leading autonomous systems test environments. Its 10,000-hectare CASA-approved Airspace Integration Research Facility near Katherine supports routine Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone operations, autonomous logistics, AI-enabled environmental monitoring, remote pilot training and industry validation programs with companies including Praetorian Aeronautics. The facility demonstrates a clear transition from research to real-world operational deployment.
- **Transcelestial** – has selected the Northern Territory for its first international deployment, progressing laser communications technologies from controlled testing to environmental validation under tropical wet and dry season conditions. The work supports future defence and commercial communications applications.
- **Rise PC** – is validating autonomous marine technologies in the Northern Territory's challenging coastal environment, demonstrating system performance under high heat, humidity and salinity while supporting future deployment across Southeast Asia and the Pacific.
- **Ekistica** – is a high-level engineering consultancy specialising in the design, data modelling, and deployment of hybrid renewable energy microgrids and off-grid power systems.
- **Charles Darwin University Energy and Resources Institute (ERI)** – is a comprehensive energy research engine utilising a suite of advanced material science labs, battery characterisation chambers, and specialised grid cybersecurity infrastructure. Central to this is REMHART, a state-of-the-art grid testing facility featuring the NT's first containerised Hydrogen Stand-Alone Power System (SAPS) and hardware-in-the-loop simulator.

Northern Territory Advantages

The Northern Territory provides a unique environment for technology development, validation and commercialisation.

- **Equatorial and tropical operating environment** – Conditions closely mirror Southeast Asia and the Pacific, enabling technologies to be validated before entering these markets.
- **Multi-domain testing capability** – Extensive airspace, remote landscapes and coastal environments support integrated testing across air, land and marine domains.
- **Operational complexity at scale** – Large distances, dispersed populations and genuine service delivery challenges accelerate technology maturity and commercial readiness.
- **Live deployment opportunities** – Existing needs across logistics, connectivity, health and surveillance provide immediate opportunities to validate technologies in operational settings.
- **Proven commercial pathway** – International organisations have demonstrated that technologies validated in the Territory can successfully scale into global markets.

Investment Opportunities

We are seeking organisations ready to move beyond research and development into commercial deployment and international expansion.

Priority opportunities include:

- **Autonomous systems** – Drone logistics, maritime autonomy and integrated airspace operations.
- **Space and advanced communications** – Equatorial launch capability, satellite integration and next-generation communications technologies, including laser communications.
- **Defence and dual-use technologies** – Autonomous systems, sensing, communications and resilient supply chain solutions aligned with Indo-Pacific defence priorities.
- **Digital and remote services** – AI-enabled platforms, telehealth, workforce technologies and remote operations designed for distributed communities.

The Northern Territory provides a globally distinctive environment where organisations can de-risk technologies, validate commercial performance and accelerate expansion into Indo-Pacific and equatorial markets.



DEVELOPING AND TESTING ADVANCED DRONES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Praetorian Aeronautics (Praetorian) is developing advanced drones for defence and long-range cargo operations, with testing in the Northern Territory.

Background

An emerging innovator in Australia's aerospace and defence sector, Praetorian develops high-performance drones for counter-drone interception and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, catering to both civilian and military applications.

With a leadership team of ex-Boeing engineers and seasoned defence advisors, the company is set to redefine what's possible in autonomous aviation.

Challenge

To bring their dual-use drones to market, Praetorian needed to identify and secure, a remote and technologically capable environment to test and refine their AI-based control systems and flight capabilities.

Approach

The North Australia Centre for Autonomous Systems (NACAS) is a research centre at Charles Darwin University (CDU). It conducts integrated industry-focused research and training into the applications of emerging aviation technologies and AI across industries, businesses, communities, and other sectors in northern Australia.

Praetorian will access NACAS' CDU-RMIT Industry 4.0 TestLab for refinements and ongoing R&D.

Testing in the Northern Territory is supporting the ongoing development of AI-enabled autonomous flight systems and advanced defence capabilities, helping prepare Praetorian's technologies for commercial and defence applications

Solution

Praetorian is leveraging the Northern Territory's unmatched geographic advantages and strong defence ecosystem through its testing program.

The company's drone testing is being conducted in NACAS' Airspace Integration Research Facility (AIR-F) at its Katherine Rural Campus, the only purpose-built unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) test site in northern Australia.

The facility provides access to more than 10,000 hectares of sparsely populated land with minimal infrastructure and air traffic. Approved by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority for beyond visual line of sight operations under restricted RAAF Tindal airspace. This provides a controlled and secure environment for drone testing, enabling safe operation of large autonomous aircraft and enhanced data collection across real-world conditions.

Outcomes

The project is expected to generate up to 5 FTEs jobs in testing, R&D, and a number of operational roles to service prospective defense and civil defence contracts.

Since commencing testing, Praetorian has continued to advance its autonomous systems capability, strengthening its portfolio of AI-enabled defence technologies and supporting future operational deployment.

The project further reinforces the Northern Territory's growing reputation as a nationally significant location for autonomous systems research, testing and commercialisation.

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Praetorian is a jointly funded project by the Northern Territory Government and the Paspalis Innovation Investment Fund.

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JOINTLY FUNDED

by Paspalis Innovation Investment Fund and Northern Territory Government



up to
5 jobs



Established partnership with

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY



Secure and remote

TESTING ENVIRONMENTS



VALIDATING AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY FOR TROPICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Award-winning Rise Project Consulting (Rise) is transforming wastewater management globally with an innovative solution that is being built, tested, and refined entirely in Australia's Northern Territory, before commercialisation and manufacturing.

Background

Darwin-based Rise is developing a fit-for-purpose Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) that will transform how wastewater ponds are surveyed, managed, and maintained worldwide.

Current wastewater survey methods often include watercrafts with propellers that become entangled in debris or require staff to take measurements by prodding the bottom of wastewater ponds.

These methods are not only outdated but pose risks to worker safety and asset performance.

Since 2025, the technology has progressed into commercial validation across infrastructure, utilities and environmental monitoring applications, demonstrating its broader capability beyond wastewater management.

Approach

Leveraging local talent and Northern Australia's unique environment, Rise is partnering with Charles Darwin University's Northern Australia Centre for Autonomous Systems (NACAS) to design and prototype the solution in Darwin—positioning the Territory as a hub for advanced manufacturing in autonomous systems.

By designing a purpose-built USV that floats on top of wastewater (not in it), Rise aims to deliver a safer and more productive method for bathymetric pond surveys.

The USV will be equipped with sonar, GPS, and data logging capabilities to enable high resolution 3D mapping of wastewater ponds. This will enable data-driven decision-making for desludging, maintenance, and upgrades.

The technology is also being adapted for broader applications including infrastructure inspections, environmental monitoring and digital asset management.

Solution

Rise secured funding through the Northern Territory Government backed Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem (AME) Fund, administered through the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre.

The A\$360,436 project, which includes matched funding of A\$180,218 from the AME Fund, aims to design and test the purpose-built USV for global bathymetric surveys of wastewater ponds.

The project continues to be supported through ongoing collaboration with Charles Darwin University's NACAS, validating autonomous technologies under tropical operating conditions.

Outcomes

The Rise USV project introduces a safer, more accurate solution for wastewater pond management, showcasing the Northern Territory's innovation in remote-area technology.

The collaboration with Charles Darwin University is helping to harness the Territory's growing reputation in autonomous systems research and development, and the project is expected to create up to 8 local jobs when commercialised.

The technology has since progressed into commercial field validation, with applications expanding into infrastructure mapping, environmental monitoring and remote inspection services.

This demonstrates how technologies designed, tested and validated in the Northern Territory can be commercialised for deployment across Australia and tropical international markets.



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up to **8**
local jobs when
commercialised



A\$180,218
AME fund matched



**CHARLES DARWIN
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research partnership



COMMERCIAL VALIDATION
Expansion into infrastructure
and environmental
monitoring



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DEFENCE

The Northern Territory is Australia's strategic operating base in the Indo-Pacific, supporting Defence, allied and partner forces through world-class training areas, logistics, sustainment and enabling infrastructure.

The Northern Territory Defence Strategy 2026 complements Australia's National Defence Strategy by aligning infrastructure, logistics, workforce and industry to strengthen operational readiness and support increased Defence and defence industry investment across Northern Australia.

Current Activities

- A\$5.96 billion in approved Australian Government Defence investment over the next decade.
- Continued upgrades to RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal, Robertson Barracks, Larrakeyah Defence Precinct and northern training areas.
- More than 2,500 United States Marine Corps personnel rotate through Darwin annually under Marine Rotational Force – Darwin (MRF-D).
- Over A\$800 million invested in the Northern Marine Complex, including the ship lift, creating Australia's northern centre for maritime sustainment.
- Continued investment in northern theatre logistics, fuel resilience, freight and supply chain capability.

AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN DEFENCE GATEWAY

Northern Territory Advantages

- Australia's strategic operating base in the Indo-Pacific.
- Key logistics and sustainment platform supporting operational readiness across the Indo-Pacific.
- Established Australian Defence Force, allied and United States force presence.
- Extensive training ranges and realistic operating environments.
- Integrated maritime, aviation, road and rail infrastructure supporting Defence operations.
- Territory-led Defence Strategy supporting coordinated investment and industry growth.

Investment Opportunities

- **Maritime sustainment** – Marine infrastructure, industrial capability and supply chains, including maintenance, repair and overhaul supported by the Northern Marine Complex and ship lift.
- **Northern theatre logistics** – Increased investment in transport, warehousing, fuel storage, freight handling, distribution networks, supply chain management and enabling infrastructure.
- **Army littoral capability** – Supporting new amphibious and littoral manoeuvre operations, including vessel sustainment and support, logistics, fuel and supply services and infrastructure development.
- **Defence infrastructure** – Air bases, maritime sustainment facilities and integrated logistics networks, including construction, engineering, facilities management and enabling infrastructure.
- **Innovation and capability development** – Testing, evaluation, autonomous systems, uncrewed platforms, advanced sensing, communications and operational experimentation.

Together, these opportunities position the Northern Territory as Australia's leading location for Defence investment, sustainment and operational support across the Indo-Pacific.

NORTHERN DEFENCE HUB

Australia's Northern Territory plays a vital role in hosting international military training exercises and contributing to regional security, including:

- **Exercise Pitch Black:** large-scale air combat exercise involving over a dozen allied and partner nations.
- **Exercise Predators Run:** littoral-focused multilateral training exercise with forces from Australian, US, UK and the Philippines.
- **Exercise Kakadu:** international maritime engagement exercise with participants and observers from over 30 nations.
- **Exercise Talisman Sabre:** led by the Australian forces and US military, with an increasing contribution from Japan (held in the Northern Territory in 2025).
- **Marine Rotational Force – Darwin (MRF-D) – 1st Brigade** and the US MRF-D routinely operate together across the Territory's ranges to undertake littoral manoeuvre, dispersed operations, and combined command-and-control, building shared tactics, logistics, and mission-ready practices in a realistic environment.





PIONEERING HIGH-SPEED 3D PRINTING OF METAL PARTS

Founded in 2015 and proudly based in the Northern Territory, SPEE3D is one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-speed metal advanced manufacturing technology.

Opportunity

To commercialise its innovation, scale manufacturing and break into new industries and international markets, SPEE3D sought assistance from the Northern Territory Government.

Approach

Following its success with Defence, SPEE3D identified significant opportunities in other sectors including energy, maritime, and space.

An advanced version of the printer, known as XSPEE3D, was launched in 2022 and has since been exported to the British, Japanese and USA Defence industries.

The printer is used by armed forces to rapidly fabricate vital parts for military equipment within hours-compared to more traditional methods that often involve long waits for replacements or bring the challenge of dealing with obsolete parts.

Ukraine is using the technology to produce critical replacement parts in the field.

Solution

In 2020, the Northern Territory Government supported SPEE3D by providing a loan of A\$2.75 million for the establishment of a Research and Development Headquarters in Darwin, including \$312k in funding towards SPEE3D's SPACE3D project.

Support from the NTG allowed for the concept of the ruggedised, mobile XSPEE3D

printer to be developed and tested in partnership with the Australian Army, involving three field trials over several weeks in the harsh, remote conditions of the Northern Territory outback.

Additionally, the company is moving forward with plans to target new customers in the international defence industries, including West Africa, as a result of their recent partnership with RusselSmith.

Outcomes

Economic modelling done by the Northern Territory Government shows this project will directly grow the local economy through exports by A\$58 million, with a further flow-on effect to Gross State Product (GSP) of A\$55 million over 5 years.

As well as creating 12 new direct jobs, this investment supports countless jobs in the future – with 40 TAFE, undergraduate and postgraduate students at Charles Darwin University (CDU) receiving exposure to this innovative technology.

SPEE3D was named the NT Exporter of the Year in 2023.

FY26 Milestones

- **Battlefield Speed Record:** In March 2026, cold-spray printing was used to fully restore out-of-service "deadlined" US Army assets in under 24 hours.
- **Ultra-Large Scaling:** Continued the commercialisation rollout of TitanSPEE3D for printing 2.5-metre field components.
- **Traceable Manufacturing:** Partnered with Vistory in September 2025 to integrate MainChain blockchain software for secure field part tracking.
- **Academic Placement:** Installed a WarpSPEE3D system at the University of Sydney in August 2025 to fast-track advanced additive manufacturing materials.



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AWARD-WINNING
innovation



A\$2.75M
Northern Territory
Government support



12
new jobs



40+
students at CDU exposed to
innovative technology



A\$58M
export growth in economy
(5 years)



A\$55M
GSP flow on (5 years)

"It is because of continuous support our business has received from the Northern Territory and federal governments, local investment such as the Paspalis Innovation Investment Fund, and the work we are doing with CDU – all this has contributed to our rapid export growth with international defence forces, including Ukraine."

Steven Camilleri
Chief Technology Officer, SPEE3D



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WE ARE FEEDING A GROWING REGION

AGRICULTURE

This vital and growing sector contributes significantly to the Territory's economy, partnerships and food security.

The Northern Territory holds unique prospects for agricultural development and export. We have an established history of producing quality, clean and safe foods, utilising sustainable water resources and arable land suitable for grazing and other agricultural development.

Our agriculture sector produces cattle, seafood, crocodiles, pearls, fruit, vegetables, cotton, timber, and broadacre crops.

In 2024-25, the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry contributed A\$1.4 billion to the NT's economy, up by 12.9% from the previous year.

Northern Territory Advantages

- Well-developed **primary production sectors** with established local and international markets, and strong economic outlooks.
- Proven track record in **delivering clean and safe food** products to global markets, particularly in Southeast Asia.
- Vast land in production with 225 pastoral leases across 602,000 km².
- Ability to diversify land use on pastoral leases to grow **high-quality hay, fodder and cotton**.

Current Activities

- **Beef cattle** – Recent figures show 404,906 head of cattle were exported from the Northern Territory in 2025 compared with 274,181 in 2024 – an increase of 130,725 departing out of Darwin Port. The cattle industry is valued at about A\$1.2 billion.
- **Mangoes** – As Australia's largest producer, the Northern Territory generates A\$126 million in GVP and accounts for more than 50% of the national production, with over 4.3 million trays annually.²⁹ 144,000 tonnes, valued at A\$9.53 million, of local mangoes were exported in 2025 to 11 countries including United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, the United States, Hong Kong Singapore and Qatar.
- **Melons** – The second-largest horticultural industry in the Northern Territory after mangoes, melon production accounted for approximately 25% of Australia's national supply in 2025, with a production value of around A\$69.4 million¹³. Current production includes watermelons, pumpkins, rockmelons and honeydew melons.¹⁴

- **Aquaculture** – Driven primarily by barramundi fish and pearling, aquaculture production was valued at A\$81 million GVP.¹⁴
- **Crocodile farming** – Australia accounts for 67% of the global trade in saltwater crocodile skins, with most being farmed and exported by the Northern Territory. Gross revenue reached A\$47 million in 2024-25.¹⁴
- **Cotton** – In 2024-25, around 49,000 bales of cotton were produced, with an estimated value of A\$29.5 million. Additionally, around A\$8 million of raw cotton and A\$3 million of cotton seed were exported from the Port of Darwin.
- **Forestry** – Around 42,000 hectares of forestry plantations exist across the Northern Territory, including on the Tiwi Islands, featuring African Mahogany, Sandalwood and Acacia.

Opportunities

- **Agriculture and aquaculture** – The Northern Territory Government is proactively developing these sectors, by working with industry proponents and investors to identify new land, diversification opportunities, on-farm projects and market pathways.
- **Cattle** – Diversification and intensification potential exists across established cattle properties, including increased live export and boxed beef to meet rising demand across Asia Pacific and the Middle East.
- **Aquatic resources** – Establishing partnerships with industry and the community to drive Aboriginal participation, sustainability, best use and fair access to the Northern Territory's aquatic resources.
- **Cotton** – Expanding upstream and downstream supply chain opportunities as the export of high-quality cotton continues to increase and cotton seed increasingly used in livestock operations.
- **Research and capacity building** – The Northern Territory Government is promoting and enabling economic growth through research, development and capacity building initiatives to support new and existing agriculture.
- **Productivity** – Developing initiatives to boost productivity, together with securing sustainable markets and enabling manufacturing for the Northern Territory's produce across agriculture and aquaculture.

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📍 Andrew Daglish, Foxalicious Fruit, Katherine



BUILDING A GLOBAL PREMIUM SEAFOOD BRAND

Humpty Doo Barramundi has grown from a pioneering family business into Australia's leading producer of premium farmed barramundi, demonstrating how the Northern Territory's natural advantages, innovation and investment support enable businesses to scale and compete in global markets.

Background

Established in 1993 by the Richards family, Humpty Doo Barramundi transformed a former rice project on the Adelaide River into one of Australia's largest and most advanced aquaculture operations.

Today, the 700-hectare farm features more than 20 kilometres of constructed saltwater wetlands, creating a sustainable production system that delivers premium-quality barramundi while minimising environmental impact.

The Opportunity

Australia's growing demand for premium seafood, combined with the Northern Territory's abundant land, water resources and proximity to Asia, created the opportunity to build a world-class aquaculture business capable of supplying domestic and international markets.

Investment and Innovation

Humpty Doo Barramundi has built its success through continuous innovation and investment in genetics, hatchery technology, biosecurity and sustainable water management.

Expansion has been supported by A\$31.2 million in finance through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), together with private sector co-investment, delivering new nursery facilities, expanded production capacity, job creation and partnerships with Aboriginal aquaculture enterprises.

Outcomes

Humpty Doo Barramundi has demonstrated how long-term investment, innovation and sustainable production can build a globally competitive agribusiness from the Northern Territory.

- Established a premium Australian seafood brand recognised for quality, sustainability and innovation.
- Expanded into high-value international markets, strengthening the Northern Territory's reputation as a trusted supplier of premium seafood across Asia.
- Created regional employment, strengthened local supply chains and generated long-term economic benefits for Northern Territory businesses and communities.
- Leveraged World Expo 2025 Osaka to build international brand recognition and strengthen commercial relationships in Japan.
- Achieved industry-leading sustainability credentials, positioning the business as a benchmark for responsible aquaculture in Australia.

Today, Humpty Doo Barramundi stands as a compelling example of how businesses can establish, scale and compete internationally from the Northern Territory.



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**130+ TONNES**

Premium barramundi produced every week

**53%**

Australia's farmed barramundi production

**A\$31.2 MILLION**

NAIF investment

**150+ JOBS**

Supporting regional employment

**AUSTRALIA'S FIRST**

ASC-certified barramundi producer³⁹



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TOURISM

DEFINED BY THE TERRITORY SPIRIT

From the lush, tropical Top End to the arid and spectacular Central Australia, the Northern Territory offers one-of-a-kind experiences.

Tourism is a fundamental pillar of the Northern Territory's economy and a significant industry throughout the regions contributing to a range of industries, including accommodation and food services, retail trade, culture and recreation, rental and hiring, construction and transport.

In the year ending December 2025, the Northern Territory recorded 1.3 million visitors and A\$2.3 billion in visitor spend, reflecting sustained growth across domestic and international markets.

This momentum is supported by a dynamic calendar of festivals and events, increasing demand for Aboriginal cultural experiences, and the Territory's world-class national parks including the two World Heritage listed parks of Uluru-Kata Tjuta and Kakadu National Park.

The Northern Territory is experiencing strong and sustained growth in visitation, reinforcing its appeal as a high potential investment destination. In the 2025 calendar year, interstate visitation increased by 26%, while international arrivals grew by 15%. Growth has been particularly strong from key global markets, including the United States (+41%), United Kingdom (+22%), Japan (+24%), and China (+16%).

Visitor demand is led by holidaymakers, who represent 50% of overnight stays, followed by business travellers (25%) and visitors seeing friends and relatives (17%). The remaining 13% reflects a mix of other travel purposes.

Current Activities

Since January 2025, there has been significant investment activity in the Northern Territory tourism sector, including:

- **Journey Beyond** – acquisition of Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia, including Ayers Rock Resort at Yulara
- **Australian Walking Company** – launch of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Signature Walk
- **Intrepid Travel** – two acquisitions; Wild Bush Luxury, including Bamurru Plains, and the Ooraminna Homestead
- **JH Group** – redevelopment of a former office building into the luxury voco Darwin hotel in the CBD
- Ongoing investment across **Darwin CBD** and Darwin Airport **hotel assets**
- Development of the **Larrakia Cultural Centre**, scheduled for completion in 2026.

Opportunities

- **Eco tourism and sustainable development:** Investment in eco-tourism presents opportunities to protect and showcase the Territory's natural and cultural assets while supporting sustainable growth. The Visitor Economy Strategy emphasises the importance in balancing increased visitation with conservation, ensuring tourism development maintains environmental values and benefits future generations.
- **Aboriginal cultural tourism and experiences:** Our distinctive Aboriginal culture is a key competitive strength, underpinning the Strategy's focus on showcasing the Territory's unique cultural assets and "celebrating our character." There are significant opportunities to invest in and expand Aboriginal led tourism experiences that deliver diverse and immersive high value offerings, meet growing visitor demand, and generate economic and social benefits for local communities.
- **Reflecting the Territory Spirit:** There is a strong opportunity to develop new and enhanced tourism products and experiences that reflect the NT's unique character, including nature based, cultural and event driven offerings. This supports growing demand from domestic and international markets.
- **Look to the skies:** The Northern Territory's expansive landscapes and low light pollution support high-quality stargazing and astrophotography experiences. Locations such as Uluru and the East MacDonnell Ranges offer guided night sky experiences, with the NT's panoramic open landscapes presenting opportunities to grow this niche as part of broader nature-based tourism.
- **Northern Territory Parks and nature-based tourism:** Capitalising on our iconic landscapes, the Northern Territory Government is actively seeking new product development and investment opportunities within parks and natural areas. With extensive areas of protected land, including national parks and reserves, there is significant potential to expand high-quality, low-impact tourism experiences that enhance visitor engagement while maintaining environmental integrity.

The recent acquisition of Silkwood near Adelaide River has also created an opportunity for nature-based investment outside of a protected areas framework, with registrations of interest being sought for development proposals. This presents a unique pathway to pilot innovative tourism models that complement conservation outcomes while enabling flexible, sustainable development.



📍 Ooraminna Station Homestead, Alice Springs

Visitor Economy

The Visitor Economy Strategy 2032 sets out the direction for development including specific actions to attract more visitors and deliver increasingly diverse, quality tourism experiences, year-round visitation and regional dispersal.

In 2026-27, the Northern Territory Government is investing more than A\$103.2 million in tourism, events and screen production, including:

- Showcasing the Northern Territory through bold, authentic stories that capture the Territory Spirit.
- Using data and insights to focus on audiences that are the best fit for the Northern Territory.
- Activating events, screen and authentic moments to grow awareness and year-round visitation.
- Building partnerships that expand the Territory's reach with priority audiences.
- Supporting aviation partnerships that grow and stabilise Territory air routes.

Driving Growth and Investment

Tourism growth in the Northern Territory is guided by the Visitor Economy Strategy 2032, which establishes a clear long-term framework for a whole-of-economy approach. Tourism, major events, national parks and hospitality are positioned as a connected system driving economic growth, jobs and community vibrancy.

The strategy aligns tourism, events and parks under a single vision, enabling coordinated delivery, shared capability and stronger return on investment. This supports high-value experience development, extends length of stay and encourages year-round visitation, while maximising the impact of infrastructure, access and connectivity.

Collaboration between industry, government, Traditional Owners and communities underpins a stable and attractive investment environment, supporting sustainable growth, regional development, and the protection of cultural and natural assets.

By 2032, the Northern Territory aims to achieve an A\$3 billion visitor economy, attracting 1.7 million visitors across domestic and international markets - representing average annual growth of 4.2 per cent.

Spotlight on Festivals and Events

The culture, food, sport and fun-loving spirit of the Northern Territory is on show with a year-round calendar of festivals and events.

Visitors can join the locals at unique events, celebrate Aboriginal heritage at indigenous festivities in remote communities, or experience top-notch sporting events like the V8 Supercars and Darwin Cup Carnival.

Visitors often combine events with visits to Kakadu National Park, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and East Arnhem Land.

Festivals and events include:

- Darwin Supercars
- Darwin Festival
- Partjima – A Festival of Light
- Great Northern Darwin Cup Carnival
- Desert Harmony Festival
- Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
- Tatts Finke Desert Race
- MXGP of Australia, Darwin
- Million Dollar Fish
- International Cricket.

WHY INVEST IN TOURISM?

Tourism is a resilient, high-growth sector

Australia's visitor economy continues to demonstrate strong growth and resilience, supported by sustained international and domestic demand and evolving travel preferences. As travellers increasingly seek immersive, nature-based and cultural experiences, the Northern Territory is uniquely positioned to capture this demand. Guided by the Visitor Economy Strategy 2032 and supported by strategic investment, the Territory offers a compelling environment for sustainable tourism investment and long-term growth.

The Territory Spirit

The Northern Territory offers a globally distinctive visitor experience defined by the Territory Spirit, an authentic sense of freedom, openness and connection to vast landscapes. This is reflected in vibrant markets, festivals, military heritage and a unique lifestyle that creates a destination both adventurous and welcoming.

Gateway to Asia and Multicultural Lifestyle

Darwin's location places the Northern Territory within easy reach of some of the world's fastest growing visitor markets. Lifestyle and economic connections have shaped multicultural communities, food, markets and festivals, reinforcing the Territory's role as Australia's northern gateway for travel, study and business. This proximity supports strong visitor access, including a growing cruise market, with Darwin accommodating year-round cruise activity and serving as first point of entry for international cruise ships entering Australia.

Iconic Parks and Landscapes

The Northern Territory is home to two UNESCO World Heritage listed sites, Uluru-Kata Tjuta and Kakadu National Parks, alongside Tjoritja/West MacDonnell Ranges, Elsey, Nitmiluk and Litchfield National Parks. These globally recognised destinations, combined with dramatic landscapes and waterholes, deliver immersive nature-based experiences and bucket list adventures unlike anywhere else.

Tourism Infrastructure and Events

High-quality tourism and entertainment infrastructure underpins the Territory's visitor economy. This includes a world class convention centre, integrated resort and casino facilities, cruise access, and a strong calendar of major events and attractions spanning Darwin to Alice Springs.

Outback Adventure and Fishing

Outback adventure is central to the Territory experience, with opportunities to hike, fish, camp and explore by four-wheel drive. Guided experiences support visitors to engage more deeply with the landscapes, environment and stories of the region.

Aboriginal culture – the heart of the Territory

In the homelands of the world's oldest continuous culture, visitors can connect with Aboriginal peoples and traditions passed down through generations. Experiences led by Traditional Owners and majority Aboriginal owned businesses provide immersive opportunities to engage with culture and Country. Across the Top End and Red Centre, festivals, art and on Country experiences reflect the diversity and significance of Aboriginal culture in the Northern Territory.



📍 Silkwood, Litchfield region.



PARRTJIMA

ILLUMINATING A 300-MILLION-YEAR-OLD LANDMARK

Parrtjima is a spectacular free 10-night Festival held each year to celebrate Aboriginal culture and art through technology under the starry skies of the Red Centre. Parrtjima marked its 11th year in 2026.

Opportunity

Featuring light installations, artworks, workshops, music and talks, Parrtjima is held on Mparntwe (Alice Springs), which is connected to the estates of Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme.

The Arrernte word Parrtjima (pronounced par-chee-ma) means to shine a light on something, in both the physical and enlightenment sense. True to its name, the festival shines a light on the power of the world's oldest living culture, inviting visitors to engage with installations and experiences that weave together ancient traditions and contemporary expressions.

Approach

Parrtjima is delivered by Tourism and Events NT (TENT) alongside event partners, We Are Gather. The festival was formerly curated under the guidance of Curator the late Rhoda Roberts AO a Widjabul Wиейbal woman of the Bundjalung nation, and supported by Cultural Advisor Paul Ah Chee and the Parrtjima Festival Reference Group.

Beyond the light installations, the festival platforms a unique and authentic workshop and speaker program that highlights skills and knowledge that can only be experienced in the Central Australian region, curating a nightly experience that can't be replicated anywhere else.

The music program combines up and coming Aboriginal Artists with critically acclaimed National acts.

Outcomes

Parrtjima has grown into one of Australia's most significant tourism and cultural events, drawing over 21,000 attendees in 2025.

Notably, 47.2% of visitors experienced Parrtjima for the first time, highlighting its expanding reach and appeal. The opening weekend recorded the second-highest attendance to date, generating A\$11.67 million Total Expenditure Stimulus including A\$10.32 million of new money to the Northern Territory.

The event is a source of immense pride for both the Alice Springs community and the broader Northern Territory, with independent research showing that 92.5% of attendees agreed that Parrtjima had a positive impact on the community, while 72% said it enhanced their appreciation of Aboriginal art and culture.

Parrtjima continues to earn global recognition, securing four awards at the 2025 Global Eventex Event Awards in categories including Best Cultural Event and Best Cross-Channel Storytelling.

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AWARD-WINNING

tourism and cultural event



A\$11.67M

economic stimulus (FY25)



21,000+

visitors (FY25)



ALICE SPRINGS

location



148 ARTISTS

involved across the program



POSITIVE SOCIAL IMPACTS

across community engagement, social cohesion and cultural exchange

CAPTURING NEW VISITORS THROUGH WORLD-CLASS MOTORSPORT

The MXGP of Australia is a world-class FIM Motocross World Championship event creating a highlight on the NT tourism calendar. Scheduled during the Darwin shoulder season, this internationally sanctioned motorsport event delivers a powerful new asset for tourism businesses — combining global audience reach with strong, localised visitor spending.

Background

The MXGP is the pinnacle of motocross racing, broadcast to more than 200 countries, and attracting a passionate and highly engaged global fanbase. The championship visits iconic venues across Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia.

Approach

Events provide a compelling trigger for conversion from destination awareness to commitment to travel. Importantly the MXGP of Australia is positioned strategically in off-peak travel periods, pushing demand from a new audience into the traditionally quieter months.

The event aligned with a demographic that is already attracted to the Northern Territory, while also differing from other events in the calendar to draw in new audiences.

Outcomes

The inaugural event surpassed all expectations, drawing over 36,000 attendances over the weekend, with 52.9% travelling from intra- and interstate locations and 8.3% visiting from overseas.

Ticketing and banking data shows that visitors to Darwin and attendees were more likely to be aged 25–34, with banking data also showing a significant increase in spending of 15.7% around Darwin city and suburbs relative to the previous year.

Forty (40%) of attendees indicated they were visiting the region for the first time, and more than half of event attendees indicated they would very likely return to the region for the event, demonstrating the growth of a high-value visitation market, and a strong likelihood for retention and promotion of the experience.

Future Opportunities

Acquisition of the MXGP has led to development of new legacy infrastructure in the Territory which is already attracting the interest of sporting and event promoters to further diversify the NT event calendar.

The event further showcases the capacity and capability of the Northern Territory as a world class event producer, creating pathways to future large scale international opportunities for both Motorsport such as the Motocross of Nations or other sporting and event disciplines.



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36,444
attendances



A\$30.72M
total expenditure stimulus



A\$26.75M
new money to NT



OVER 73,000
direct visitor nights



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

International students contribute to the economy, workforce and cultural diversity of the Northern Territory. They receive a quality Australian education, employment opportunities and the chance to live a relaxed and affordable lifestyle.

Study NT works with education providers, businesses and the local community to help international students achieve academic success and discover new pathways to employment.

It delivers a dynamic suite of activities designed to support and grow the sector, including; delegations, familiarisation tours, targeted industry development activities and high impact student engagement events. These initiatives showcase the Northern Territory as a compelling study destination while fostering meaningful connections and supporting long-term sector growth.

Northern Territory Advantages

- **Graduate Career Opportunities** – The Northern Territory is seen as a strong destination for graduate careers, with 59.2% of local students holding a positive perception, compared to 37.3% nationally.²⁶
- **Strong engagement** – 22% of local students have reported accessing Study NT services, compared to a national average of 16% accessing other Study Australia Partners.²⁶
- **Student wellbeing** – 70.3% of Northern Territory students feel better about living in Australia, compared to the national average of 53.7%. This is due to the local community being welcoming to international students, as well as high quality education and graduate career opportunities.²⁶
- **Strategic location** – The Northern Territory is positioned closer to Asia than any other part of Australia. With direct flights to Indonesia, Singapore and Timor-Leste, students are closer to home.

Opportunities

International education and training partnerships

Capitalising on the Northern Territory's unique geographic location and strong cultural ties with Southeast Asia and emerging markets, including South America, we seek targeted education partnerships with countries seeking to upskill their workforce in areas like tourism, resources, environmental management, aged care and technology.

International academic exchanges and capacity building for the digital economy

Leveraging the Northern Territory's technical expertise and research capabilities, Study NT is actively developing collaborations focusing on cyber skills, digital literacy, and emerging technologies. Academic exchanges and industry-backed fellowships are also sought to upskill professionals from Southeast Asia and beyond.

These initiatives align with global security priorities and digital transformation goals, enhancing the capability of partner countries while providing cutting-edge learning experiences for students in the Northern Territory.

Workforce readiness and career development

The Northern Territory offers internationally recognised programs across secondary schooling, Vocational Education and Training (VET), English Language (ELICOS), Higher Education and Research sectors. These programs are developed with strong industry engagement to ensure a smooth transition from study to employment, particularly in sectors experiencing high workforce demand.

We are always seeking to partner with companies to create internships, apprenticeships, and job placement opportunities, as well as international organisations and agencies to promote these programs.



DELIVERING QUALITY TRAINING, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Due to its location, Charles Darwin University (CDU) is in an enviable position to contribute to the future opportunities of Northern Australia and our neighbours in Asia - through innovative and impactful training, education and research.

The university's multi-campus, dual-sector status, virtual and online expertise, course profile, research activities, delivery methods and operations are the result of their commitment to the regions in which they operate.

Established in 2003 through the merger of the Northern Territory University and the Menzies School of Health Research, CDU delivers both vocational and higher education.

As Australia's first dual-sector university, and the largest TAFE provider in the Northern Territory, CDU facilitates a seamless transition for students from vocational training to higher education, as well as those in higher education seeking to acquire skills and training.

Opportunity

CDU facilitates training and innovation development and is open to partner with industry and government to provide tailored solutions, including commercialisation of innovation, contract research, and student industry research projects.

Opportunities also include vocational education and training conducted through CDU TAFE, taught by industry experts in industry-standard facilities.

Approach

As an anchor institution, CDU plays an essential role in the Northern Territory's international education and training system.

Recognised as a leader in online higher education in Australia, CDU is looking to harness its vast, well-established experience and expertise in a new transnational model abroad.

Solution

Two decades ago, CDU entered into a partnership agreement with the Northern Territory Government to support the economic, social and environmentally sustainable development of the Northern Territory.

The purpose of the partnership was to strengthen the existing relationship between CDU and the Northern Territory Government by identifying common strategic objectives in the areas of education, research, community engagement, capacity building, industry development and social inclusion.

Delivering transnational education is key to growing CDU's reach. It has identified the United Kingdom (UK) as a key market and is implementing a model of online delivery with intensive face-to-face learning.

This initiative reflects the University's commitment to delivering international education and training from the Northern Territory to the world. It also aligns with its strategic goal to be Australia's most connected university — locally, nationally and globally.

Outcomes

CDU engages with industry and the business community to determine research needs, skills gaps and address areas of workforce needs of the Northern Territory. This ensures that course offerings deliver employment outcomes that meet the skills gaps of our regions.

Apart from its UK initiative, the University is growing both reach and impact by partnering in education and research opportunities with like-minded institutions.

It is also driving expansion in vocational education and training for international students, onshore and offshore, to contribute to skill-building across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

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8TH BEST UNIVERSITY

for undergraduate full-time employment (AU)²⁶



81% UNDERGRADUATES

Gained F/T work after 4 months (AU)²⁶



TOP 100 AND TOP 500 UNIS

in top 100 of young universities in top 500 universities globally²⁶



TOP 2% RESEARCHERS

team from CDU & Menzies School of Health Research²⁶



RANKED 3RD AND 8TH

for Australian universities in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: #4 Quality Education and #8 Decent Work



TOP 5

University for 1st Generation University Education²⁶



CREATING A TRANSNATIONAL TRAINING HUB

Established in 2011, Alana Kaye College is a nationally accredited Registered Training Organisation (RTO) providing high-quality education and training to national and international students. It has become one of the most successful training schools in Australia.

Background

With campuses in Darwin (Northern Territory) and the Gold Coast (Queensland), Alana Kaye College delivers flexible, industry-focused Vocational Education and Training (VET) aligned with workforce demands across several sectors. The college is also known for its General English Language course (ELICOS), which gives students the opportunity for further study in a certificate or diploma course, or even a degree at a university.

Alana Kaye College has extensive experience travelling and delivering training throughout the world, including, but not limited to, remote communities and all Australian capital cities.

In 2022, Alana Kaye College won the Chief Minister's NT Exporter of the Year Award against many noteworthy and innovative contenders, and represented the Northern Territory against the seven other national finalists from across Australia. In addition, it received the Chief Minister's NT Export Award for International Education and Training five years in a row (2020-2024).

Opportunity

With proven expertise in transnational education, Alana Kaye College presents a compelling opportunity for investors seeking to support the growing demand for globally recognised, high-quality vocational training.

Alana Kaye College is expanding its global footprint with the launch of the TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment program in Manila, delivered in partnership with Don Bosco College.

Approach

In 2025, Alana Kaye College is focused on collaboration with international partners to deliver transnational education and training programs globally.

Solution

Darwin acts as a hub for Alana Kaye College's Indo-Pacific transnational training programs.

The college hosts study tours and collaborates with local and international partners to deliver culturally immersive learning experiences. Their VET diplomas also serve as a pathway to higher education at Australian universities.

In early 2025, Alana Kaye attended the Australian Future Skills Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia which provided a platform to strengthen transnational education partnerships and workforce development cooperation between Australia and Cambodia.

During the trip, the team also visited the Philippines to meet with their Presidential Assistant, Mr. Antonio Tabora to discuss the delivery of transnational education and international student opportunities in the Cordillera area.

Outcomes

Alana Kaye College conducted its first Philippines-based transnational training session this year in partnership with the Australian Government through the Australian Embassy of the Philippines and the Department of Home Affairs.

Through this transnational training initiative, students composed of government personnel from three different agencies, the Bureau of Immigration, the Bureau of Customs, and the Philippines Coast Guard, undertook a TAE40122 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

The TAE40122 Certificate IV is a nationally recognised Australian qualification that equips participants to become effective trainers and assessors in their respective fields. It also enhances instructional capabilities and supports long-term capacity building within key border management agencies in the Philippines.

More than just a training program, this initiative exemplifies the future of transnational education—showcasing how global partnerships can deliver high-quality, accredited learning experiences across borders.

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RTO

Nationally accredited



DARWIN & GOLD COAST

Campuses



1,000+ STUDENTS

international and domestic



5 X WINNER

Chief Minister's NT Export Award for International Education & Training



WINNER

Chief Minister's NT Exporter of the Year Award



**WE ARE A PLACE
LIKE NO OTHER**

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

In Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are recognised as the traditional custodians of the land, with distinct cultures, languages and histories.

Aboriginal traders were our first exporters – from trading goods in the far north with Makassan seafarers in Indonesia for generations, to now exporting native botanicals, art, design, fashion and clean energy solutions to world markets.

The Northern Territory boasts a rich and diverse geological history, with unique geographical locations and landforms revered by Aboriginal people.

Our work across the Northern Territory focuses on fostering economic and social outcomes that are inclusive and respectful of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their cultural heritage.

Engaging with Aboriginal people

The Northern Territory offers a unique and valuable opportunity for private investment, with approximately 48% of its land being Aboriginal land, including 80% of the coastline. Much of the remaining land is subject to Native Title.

Traditional Owners are open to collaborating with governments and businesses, presenting opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships in the region's development.

Partnering for success

When developing land in the Territory there are land access arrangements that help to support Aboriginal economic development and recognise the Aboriginal Traditional Owners' relationship with the land.

The Northern Territory Government works in partnership with Land Councils, Traditional Owners and representative bodies.

Aboriginal and Native Title land offers strong opportunities for partnership. Establishing relationships with Traditional Owners and Land Councils is important and early engagement is key.

The Land Councils represent the interests of Aboriginal people in their region and, among other things, support Traditional Owners in respect of Aboriginal land and native title matters.

There are four key Land Councils in the Northern Territory:

- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Northern Land Council
- Tiwi Land Council.

Our team can help to connect you with the right organisations and to understand the land access arrangements in the Territory.

Understanding sacred sites

Sacred sites exist throughout the Northern Territory and are recognised and protected under Northern Territory and Australian Government laws.

A sacred site might be a tree, a hill, a waterhole, a range of mountains, or any other natural feature of the landscape, or place that is significant according to Aboriginal tradition.

The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) is an independent statutory authority established under the *Sacred Sites Act 1989 (NT)* responsibility for overseeing the protection of Aboriginal sacred sites on land and sea across the Northern Territory.

Projects in the Northern Territory need to consider sacred sites and either submit a request for information or apply for an authority certificate (project dependent). The Northern Territory Government provides engagement resources and can also support and work with investors and proponents to understand requirements.

Land Tenure

Freehold Land: sometimes referred to as a 'grant in fee simple' or 'estate in fee simple', which means the government has passed all interest in the land, except for resources, onto the owner. An example of freehold land is a typical residential block in a city or town. Freehold land is not affected by native title.

Aboriginal Freehold Land: This land is communal freehold title established under the Australian Government's *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976 (ALRA)*. It is owned by a land trust for the benefit of Traditional Owners and is registered within the Northern Territory Government's Torrens land title system.

Vacant Crown Land: There is approximately 52,287km² of Vacant Crown Land in the Northern Territory made up of approx. 3,624 individual land parcels. Uses are either Low Impact: Non-Commercial Activities or Licenced Use: Commercial Activities. Vacant Crown land is owned by the Crown; and is subject to native title.

Pastoral Land: Establishes that the primary use of the leasehold land must be the commercial pasturing of stock. The other uses are secondary ancillary activities that must be both non-dominant and have a high degree of connection to the particular pastoral enterprise being undertaken on pastoral leasehold land. Pastoral land is subject to native title.

Aboriginal and Native Title

Aboriginal Land

As private land, access or use of Aboriginal land requires permission from the relevant land trust or Traditional Owners. The relevant Land Councils facilitate dealings on behalf of the Traditional Owners for Aboriginal Land, which cannot be sold. However, it can be transferred to another land trust or surrendered to the Crown; compulsorily acquired by the Commonwealth Government; leased or licensed.

Agreements: These are negotiated under specific legal frameworks. Mining and energy agreements are handled under Part IV of the ALRA, between Traditional Owners (and Land Councils) and project proponents. All other land use agreements are negotiated under Section 19 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976 (ALRA)*, also between Traditional Owners (and Land Councils) and proponents.

Native Title

Native Title can exist on both Pastoral Land and vacant Crown Land across Australia, and is governed by Australian Government legislation known as the *Native Title Act 1993*. Determinations of Native Title can be categorised into two types: exclusive and non-exclusive.

Agreements: These are shaped by land tenure, which refers to the relationship between people and land, specifically the rights and responsibilities individuals or groups have in relation to land.

This includes various methods of land ownership, management, and transfer, such as leases, permits, and customary rights. In the Northern Territory, most land outside of townships is either Aboriginal freehold or pastoral leasehold land, where native title rights may exist.

Additionally, land in the Northern Territory is managed under the Torrens Title system, which is used for registering interests in land.





**WE ARE ENABLING
ECONOMIC GROWTH**

ADVANCING INFRASTRUCTURE

The Northern Territory is advancing world-class infrastructure that will enable investment and development of significant projects to support the needs of tomorrow.

Reliable and efficient logistics, housing supply, and ready access to water and energy infrastructure are the key enablers to unlocking future investment in the Northern Territory.

We strategically plan, align, develop, and deliver infrastructure to sustainably grow and de-risk investment in the Northern Territory.

WE ARE BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

The Northern Territory Government is delivering key enabling infrastructure projects and programs.

These projects are significant economic enablers for the Northern Territory, connecting the Territory's natural resources with export opportunities, unlocking service industries and strengthening connections across the region.

Northern Marine Complex

The Northern Territory Government is delivering this project to establish Darwin as a thriving maritime services industry hub in northern Australia and to service Southeast Asia.

Recently designated a Territory Development Area (TDA), the Northern Marine Complex, anchored by a 5,500 tonne capacity ship lift, will create a purpose-built maritime precinct as a catalyst for a new industry.

Features:

- Ship lift – 23m wide x 103m long – with a vessel lifting capability of 5,500 tonnes
- Wet berths to allow vessels to undertake in-water maintenance
- Hardstand areas for ship repair and maintenance works
- Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) units that transport ships around the facility
- An administration building, SPMT shed, and Blast and Paint Facility
- Utilities upgrades at East Arm to support the development.

Middle Arm Precinct

A strategic initiative on Darwin's Middle Arm Peninsula, the Precinct is set to emerge as a globally competitive industrial precinct. Strategically located within Darwin Harbour, it will enable industry to use natural resources like gas, critical minerals and the sun to produce and export value-added products. The project is currently in the planning and design stage, attracting industries focused on renewable energy, low emission liquefied natural gas, carbon capture utilisation and storage, minerals processing and hydrogen.

Regional Logistics Hubs

The Australian Government has committed A\$440 million in planned equity to develop a network of Regional Logistics Hubs across the Northern Territory. The project will strategically locate intermodal terminals in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, alongside master-planned industrial subdivisions with common user hardstands and warehousing. Rail sidings and spur lines along the Darwin-Tarcoola rail line will increase supply chain capacity and reliability.

Roads

The Northern Territory Government is investing more than A\$2 billion in transport infrastructure projects (2025/26 budget), to better connect communities, facilitate trade, support tourism and enable people to access essential services.

Darwin Region Water Supply Program

This sustainable, long-term infrastructure solution will enable industry expansion and provide potable water for Territorians. The Program is being delivered in two stages to supply 67.3 gigalitres of additional water each year to the Darwin region.

Stage 1: Manton Dam return to service will provide an additional 7,300 megalitres a year into the Darwin region water supply system. Estimated completion by mid-2026.

Stage 2: Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS) will supply 60,000 megalitres a year into the water supply network for urban, industrial and horticultural use.

Connecting the Beetaloo Sub-basin

Enabling infrastructure for the Beetaloo Sub-basin development includes upgrading existing roads, building new pipelines, and developing a multi-user infrastructure corridor.

These upgrades are crucial for supporting commercial development, gas processing, and other related industries in the region.

Road upgrades

The Australian and Northern Territory governments have jointly committed A\$367 million to deliver road upgrades throughout the Beetaloo Sub-basin.

The road upgrade program provides crucial enabling infrastructure for the growing onshore gas sector and supports existing road users and industry with reliable transport and freight links.

Sturt Plateau Pipeline

APA Group's A\$70 million, 37km Sturt Plateau Pipeline (SPP), is nearing the final stages of completion. The pipeline will connect Tamboran Resources' Beetaloo gas development to the existing APA Amadeus Gas Pipeline, targeting first gas flows to Darwin by mid-2026.

Territory Energy Link

The Northern Territory Government is planning a multi-user, multi-asset infrastructure corridor as part of its commitment to rebuilding the Territory economy.

Known as the Territory Energy Link, the corridor will run for around 670km from near Elliott to the Middle Arm Precinct in Darwin. It will be approximately 130m wide and support buried services including gas, water, optical fibre, hydrogen gas and other services in the future.

The corridor will connect major energy projects in the Beetaloo Sub-basin to the Middle Arm Precinct and other strategic infrastructure in Darwin.

The Territory Energy Link project is now in the feasibility phase. A pre-feasibility study completed in 2024 identified a preliminary alignment which takes into consideration connections to existing infrastructure, avoids known constraints, and minimises environmental and cultural impacts.

A 53m wide study corridor will be investigated through this stage to determine the final 130m wide corridor alignment.



📍 Manton Dam return to service, pipeline work



AT-A-GLANCE



DESIGNATED TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AREA

to fast-track project development



CO-LOCATED MARINE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ship lift, barge ramp, paint and blast shed



STRATEGIC POSITION

- Only major vessel servicing point between Cairns (QLD) and Perth (WA)
- Proximity to Asia



STRENGTHENING SECTORS

- Energy and gas
- Defence
- Border Force
- Maritime



SHIP LIFT

- 26m wide and 103m long
- 5,500 tonne lifting capability

NORTHERN MARINE COMPLEX

Recently designated a Territory Development Area (TDA), the Northern Marine Complex will bring together the Marine Industry Park and Darwin Ship Lift into a single, coordinated maritime precinct at East Arm.

The development will enhance the Northern Territory's maritime capability and establish a nationally significant maritime maintenance, servicing and logistics hub.

The TDA designation will fast-track the major project's development, create greater investor certainty and deliver:

- a clear, long-term vision for East Arm's economic potential
- coordinated statutory approvals to de-risk and accelerate investment
- integrated planning to maximise shared infrastructure
- a single-entity management framework for efficient development.

Key infrastructure includes a 5,500 tonne ship lift facility, a dedicated paint-and-blast shed, a fleet of self-propelled modular transporter units, and storage facilities.

It will also incorporate site-wide security infrastructure, 14 hectares of hardstand for repair and maintenance activities, a vessel wash-down bay and wet berths.

As the only major vessel servicing point between Cairns (Queensland) and Perth (Western Australia), the complex is uniquely positioned to support Northern Australia's expanding gas, Defence, Border Force, and maritime sectors.

There is also potential to capitalise on the Northern Territory's position in the Asia-Pacific region and service the Southeast Asia maritime catchment.

The EY Parthenon report forecasts that the facility alone will generate long-term revenue of up to A\$23.1 million annually over 20 years.

Over a 40-year period, EY predicts cumulative revenue of A\$903.4 million (low), A\$981.1 million (medium), and A\$1,194.7 million (high).

By co-locating marine services, fabrication, engineering, and logistics, the Northern Marine Complex will support the growth of a local industrial ecosystem, create long-term skilled jobs, and reinforce the Territory's position as a gateway for marine services in northern Australia.

Spanning 246 hectares, with road, rail and sea access, the precinct is designed to strengthen Darwin's role as a strategic marine services hub supporting defence sustainment, offshore energy servicing, vessel maintenance and logistics.

australiasnorthernterritory.com.au

MIDDLE ARM PRECINCT

The Northern Territory Government is planning a precinct where industry can confidently do business. A precinct that aligns with environmental regulations, giving community confidence in the activities taking place.

The precinct is designed to capitalise on the Northern Territory's natural advantages, including our strategic location and world-class solar and mineral resources.

Working together with an integrated and coordinated approach, as well as a focus on enhancing links with Asian markets, will capture synergies and maximise value for money.

Infrastructure is being master-planned to be shared by the facilities which will operate in the precinct. By doing this, we can eliminate wasteful spending, minimise impacts and avoid unnecessary duplication.

The Australian Government has committed A\$1.5 billion planned equity to enable the planning and construction of common user infrastructure within the precinct. This includes a shared shipping channel, module offloading facility, and a common use facility for industries in the precinct to share.

As part of the masterplan, road upgrades, a renewable energy network, service and product corridors, water systems and a carbon capture, utilisation, and storage hub are being considered.

Delivery of a Strategic Environmental Assessment and proposed precinct plan to the Northern Territory and Australian regulators, planning and building of common user infrastructure, governance frameworks and management plans, will guide proponents and help to regulate the project.

This work 'de-risks' investment by creating certainty for industries on the availability of infrastructure and services and a clear roadmap of the rigorous and efficient development and environmental approvals.

Tivan Ltd, a Northern Territory based critical minerals company, is proposing a Vanadium Electrolyte Facility at Middle Arm, provisionally scoped at 500 MWh/year of production, to facilitate an industrialisation pathway for vanadium redox flow batteries.

Feedstock would be sourced from beneficiated vanadium from their Speewah and Mount Peake projects.

The Land Development Corporation is helping shape the future of the Middle Arm Precinct through its ownership of approximately 1,145 hectares of strategic industrial land, including Kittyhawk Estate, Spitfire Estate, the Product Corridor and other key development sites.

In late 2022, a whole of Government Land Allocation Framework was endorsed by Government to ensure strategic land allocation alignment with the Precinct plan.

The framework will lead robust evaluations considering the strategic and economic benefits anticipated and contributions to maximising integration and collaboration.

Proponents can submit a Proponent Project Proposal (PPP), to enable an across-Government assessment panel to consider land allocation requests and project readiness for an allocation.

Some 'not to deal' arrangements have been secured by proponents.

The Middle Arm Peninsula is already home to the Santos Darwin LNG and the INPEX Ichthys LNG processing facilities.

Both companies are committed to net zero emissions. This includes leveraging carbon capture and storage (CCS) at the planned Middle Arm Precinct's large-scale CCS hub, linked to offshore storage reservoirs.

For more information visit:
middlearmprecinct.nt.gov.au



AT-A-GLANCE



COASTAL PENINSULA

located within
Darwin Harbour



DEDICATED LAND

- 1,500 hectares (15 km²)
- Already home to Santos Darwin LNG and NPEX Ichthys LNG



DEVELOPMENT READY

Masterplanned industrial precinct with common user infrastructure



INDUSTRIAL FOCUS

- Critical minerals
- Low-to-zero emissions fuels
- Advanced manufacturing



📍 Photo taken on location at the Darwin Rail Terminal, Northern Territory Government

**WE ARE A TRUSTED
PARTNER**

THE BEST PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

The Northern Territory Government provides an investor-friendly environment that helps accelerate your projects.

We partner with you to provide:

- information on market potential and competition, research and development capabilities and workforce development initiatives
- regulatory approval mapping
- support to identify and explore feasibility of site options
- introductions to potential partners, financiers, customers and local suppliers; and
- funding solutions and incentives.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Investor Friendly

The Northern Territory is driving investment and trade opportunities, as well as workforce development. We deliver strong returns for investors with a range of tax incentives and business concessions alongside competitive legislative frameworks.

Our competitive advantages include:

- the most generous payroll tax-free threshold in the country
- robust economy with clear vision for growth
- streamlined processes to reduce 'red tape' and business costs.

Office of the Territory Coordinator

Established in 2025, the Territory Coordinator is an independent statutory role designed to champion transformative projects that fuel private sector investment, job creation, population growth, and industry advancement in the Northern Territory.

Acting as a key link between government, industry, and communities, the Territory Coordinator supports the delivery of key projects by enabling the designation of infrastructure coordination areas and Territory development areas, streamlining statutory processes and decisions.

The Territory Coordinator's role ensures these projects are prioritised and supported effectively. This reduces bureaucratic delays for complex projects that are economically or regionally significant.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinating complex projects, making it easier for private sector investors to bring big ideas to life.
- Streamlining approvals across government, delivering significant projects sooner.
- Ensuring the NT remains competitive in attracting and securing significant private investment.

To date, the following has been designated under the Territory Coordinator Act:

- the Arafura Rare Earths Nolans Project as the first Significant Project; and
- the Northern Marine Complex as a Territory Development Area at East Arm, Darwin Harbour.

More information: territorycoordinator.nt.gov.au

Minerals Royalty Framework

The Northern Territory's mineral royalty framework is an ad valorem-based model, that is preferred and understood by industry and based on the principle that royalty is applied to only the value of the mineral resource extracted. The scheme incorporates four mineral treatment categories, applying four competitive royalty rates.

More information: treasury.nt.gov.au/dtf/territory-revenue-office/royalties/mineral-royalty

Tax Incentives and Concessions

- **Australia's highest payroll tax threshold** – The Northern Territory offers Australia's most generous payroll tax-free threshold at A\$2.5 million, helping reduce operating costs.
- **Globally competitive tax system** – Australia's total tax revenue is 29.9% of GDP, below the OECD average of 34.1%, while taxes on goods and services account for 7.5% of GDP compared with 11% across the OECD³⁴.
- **Strong R&D incentives** – Eligible small and medium businesses (turnover under A\$20 million) can access a 43.5% refundable R&D tax offset, providing a refund of up to A\$43,500 on A\$100,000 of eligible R&D expenditure.
- **Competitive payroll tax** – From 1 July 2026, a 6.5% payroll tax rate applies only to employers with Australia-wide wages exceeding A\$100 million. All other employers continue to pay 5.5%, with the A\$2.5 million annual threshold unchanged.
- **Stable and predictable tax framework** – Australia's transparent tax system and international tax agreements provide certainty and help minimise double taxation.

Overall, Australia's corporate tax laws are stable and predictable. This helps to reduce costs, like tax agreements with other countries that prevent tax duplication.

Australia Payroll Tax Threshold as of 1 January 2025 for Australian states and territories³⁵.

State/ Territory	Tax Rate	Annual Threshold
Northern Territory	5.5% 6.5% (>A\$100M)	A\$2.5M
Australian Capital Territory	6.75% (A\$1.75M - A\$20M) 6.85% (A\$20M - A\$50M) 7.35% (A\$50M - A\$100M) 7.85% (A\$100M - A\$150M) 8.75% (>A\$150M)	A\$2M
New South Wales	5.45%	A\$1.2M
Queensland	4.75% (A\$1.3M - A\$6.5M) 4.95% (A\$6.5M - A\$10M) 5.15% (A\$10M - A\$100M) 5.65% (>A\$100M)	A\$1.3M
South Australia	4.95%	A\$1.5-1.7M
Tasmania	4.0% 6.1% (>A\$5M)	A\$1.25m
Victoria	4.85% (A\$1M - A\$10M) 5.85% (A\$10M - A\$100M) 6.85% (>A\$100M)	A\$1M
Western Australia	5.5%	A\$1M

MIGRATION PATHWAYS

Australia's prosperity is strengthened by cultural diversity, enriched by the contributions of migrants and shaped alongside the world's oldest living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In the Northern Territory, overseas migration is key to our productivity and growth.

Skilled Migration

Attracting, retaining and growing a skilled workforce is a priority for the Northern Territory Government. Skilled migration plays a central role in meeting the Territory's workforce needs, supported by strong advocacy to the Australian Government to ensure visa settings align to meet our workforce needs.

Through the General Skilled Migration program, individuals may be nominated by the Northern Territory Government to apply for a Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) subclass 491 visa – (a 5-year visa with pathway to permanent residency), or the permanent Skilled Nominated subclass 190 visa. Applicants must meet both Australian Government requirements and Territory nomination criteria including a commitment to live and work in the Northern Territory in their skilled occupation for at least three years after their visa is granted.

The Territory is actively promoted as a place to live and work through initiatives such as the Global Worker Attraction Campaign and WorkerConnect, a platform linking local and international jobseekers with Territory employers. The Government aims to raise the Northern Territory's profile as a desirable place to live and work.

Migrate for Work

A range of migration programs designed to help employers sponsor overseas skilled workers are available in the Northern Territory, including:

- **Northern Territory Designated Area Migration Agreement (NT DAMA):** Provides employers with access to a wider range of occupations and concessions beyond other standard national visa programs.
- **Skills in Demand visa (subclass 482):** Allows employers to address labour shortages by sponsoring overseas workers when they cannot source appropriately skilled Australian workers.
- **Skilled Employer-Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494):** Enables regional employers to fill identified shortages through longer-term sponsorship when they cannot source appropriately skilled Australian workers.
- **Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400):** For highly specialised, short-term work in defined circumstances.
- **Training visa (subclass 407):** Supports individuals to undertake workplace-based training to develop professional skills and expertise in specific areas.
- **Temporary Work (International Relations) visa (subclass 403):** Includes six streams, such as the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme, which connects employers with workers from Timor Leste and Pacific partner countries.

Other Australian Government Visas

There are plenty of other visa pathways to experience Australia's Northern Territory such as tourist, student, family, refugee and humanitarian depending on your situation. See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

For detailed criteria, processing times and fees always refer to the Department of Home Affairs visa pages linked above.



The Northern Territory Government is committed to increasing and supporting investment. There are a range of programs and incentives available to help develop and advance projects.

Territory Growth Initiative (TGI)

The Northern Territory Government has established a new package of financing to support high growth businesses and investment ready projects to establish or expand operations in the Territory.

The Territory Growth Initiative (TGI) builds on past investment programs and is designed to attract and realise private investment for the Territory.

The TGI includes three product offerings:

- Collaborative Investment Program: Loans up to A\$10 million on a co-contribution basis
- Territory Infrastructure Loans: Loans of up to A\$10 million
- Paspalis Co-Investment Fund: Investment up to A\$5 million

The TGI is a contemporary and specialist investment vehicle that strengthens governments capacity to respond to business needs and enhances the attractiveness of the NT as an investment destination.

The TGI is aligned to the Northern Territory Economic Development Strategy and will prioritise sectors that have long-term growth prospects such as energy, defence, agriculture, mining and tourism.

AustraliaNorthernTerritory.com.au

Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility

Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) investments can be used to develop new or materially enhance existing infrastructure. NAIF can lend up to 100% of the debt, provided there is appropriate risk sharing. Loans can be on concessional terms, relative to private sector financing arrangements, if the infrastructure generates public benefit and there is an ability to repay or refinance.

naif.gov.au

Clean Energy Finance Corporation

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is a specialist investor at the centre of efforts to help deliver on Australia's ambitions for a net zero future.

With a strong investment track record, the CEFC invests to fill market gaps by collaborating with investors, innovators, and industry leaders to spur substantial new investment where it will have the greatest impact. The CEFC invests on behalf of the Australian Government, with a strong commitment to deliver a positive return for taxpayers across its portfolio.

cefc.com.au



📍 Gove Port, Nhulunbuy

National Reconstruction Fund

The Australian Government established the A\$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) to facilitate increased flows of finance into priority areas to help diversify Australia's industry and economy.

The NRF offers debt finance, equity finance and guarantees for compelling proposals in seven priority areas of the Australian economy.

These priority areas are:

1. Resources, including critical minerals and metals
2. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries
3. Transport and manufacturing of transport vehicles
4. Medical science and investment in medical science manufacturing
5. Renewables and low emission technologies
6. Defence capability
7. Enabling capabilities, including engineering and data science.

nrf.gov.au



Export Finance Australia

Export Finance Australia (EFA) supports Australia's trade and infrastructure agenda by providing commercial finance for exporting businesses and Indo-Pacific infrastructure development.

EFA provides finance solutions to:

- Australian exporters and businesses in the export supply chain
- Overseas buyers of Australian goods or services
- Pacific and Indo-Pacific infrastructure projects that benefit Australia and the region
- Domestic and overseas resources projects that include Australian goods or services
- Businesses looking to invest overseas.

exportfinance.gov.au

Resourcing the Territory Program

A\$9.5 million funding program, delivered annually, supports resource exploration projects. Delivered by the Northern Territory Government, Resourcing the Territory aims to provide pre-competitive geoscience, investment attraction, and exploration stimulus programs to increase exploration activity, drive success rates and open new areas for exploration.

resourcingtheterritory.nt.gov.au

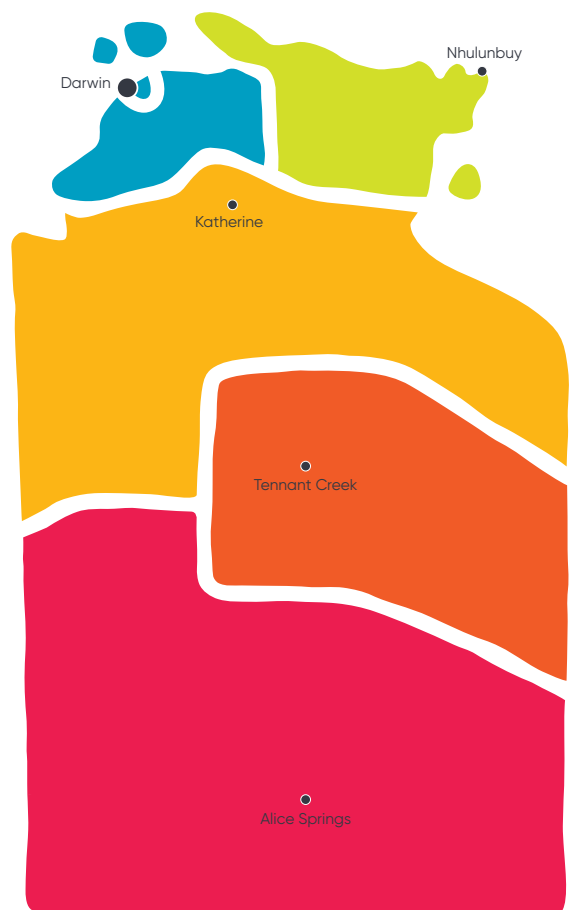


The Northern Territory Government also supports local businesses and entrepreneurs with a range of grants and funding, to establish, expand and develop their business or idea.

nt.gov.au/industry/business-grants-funding



REGIONAL DIVERSITY





ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Defence
- Digital
- Infrastructure
- Supply and Services
- Tourism



159,284
population



12,569
number of businesses



3,164KM²
land



**24-HOUR
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
no curfew



INTERNATIONAL PORT
and deep-Sea harbour



34.7 YEARS
median age



THRIVING
industrial precincts



UNIVERSITIES

- Charles Darwin University
- Flinders University Campus
- Bachelor Institute
- Menzies School of Health and Research

Weather



WET SEASON
November to April. Average
temperatures from 24 - 32°C

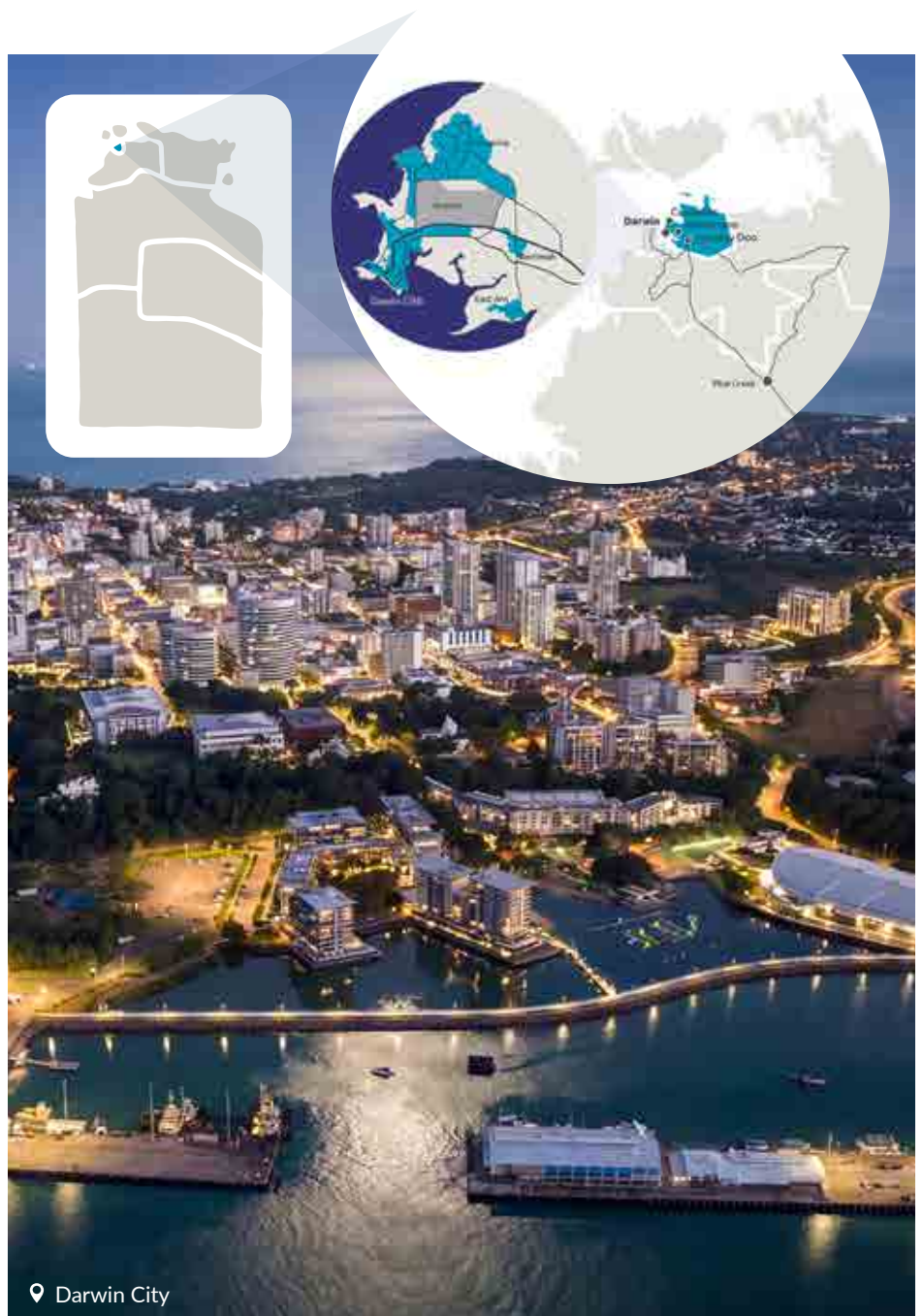


DRY SEASON
May to October. Average
temperatures from 21 - 31°C

DARWIN, PALMERSTON AND LITCHFIELD

Darwin is a modern, vibrant, and liveable coastal city located in the tropical north of Australia. Known as Australia's gateway to Asia, the city offers an enviable lifestyle, a diverse economy, and supports a growing multicultural population. Darwin has a 24-hour international airport, rail, port facility and deep-sea harbour with a critical defence presence.

The City of Palmerston, only 20km from Darwin, and the rich agricultural lands of Litchfield, are the engine room of future population growth within the Greater Darwin area. Bordered by two light industrial areas, Palmerston is central to key transport infrastructure including the Darwin Port, Adelaide to Darwin Railway, and the Stuart Highway.



📍 Darwin City

TOP END

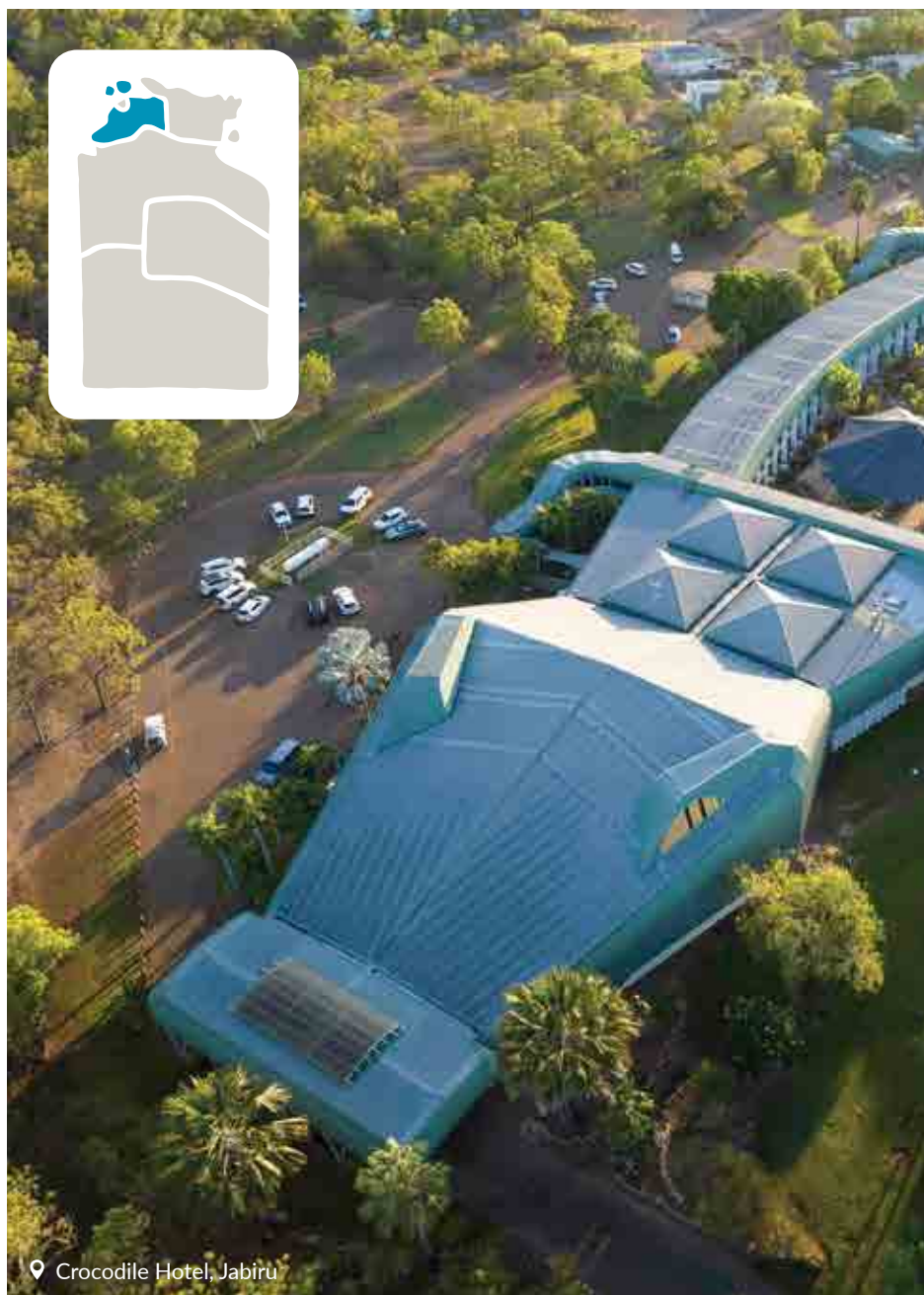
Daly, Tiwi Islands, West Arnhem, including Jabiru

The northern most section of the Territory is known as the Top End. The region encompasses 112,295 km² from Wadeye in the west to Maningrida in the east, including West Daly, West Arnhem and the Tiwi Islands.

In this vast and diverse region, 74% of residents identify as Aboriginal, and most of the land across the region is classified as Aboriginal land. Traditional Aboriginal landowners play a critical role in the development of the region and its industries, infrastructure and services.

Tourism is a significant contributor to economic activity in the region.

The world heritage listed Kakadu National Park is on the doorstep to Darwin with a plethora of natural and cultural attractions in close proximity, as well as the iconic Daly River for recreational fishing.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Agriculture
- Tourism



18,716
population



400
number of businesses



112,251KM²
land



5 remote communities, including
two islands and more than
100 HOMELANDS



A\$2.24B
gross regional product (2025)



67%
Aboriginal land



69%
working-age population
(aged 15 to 64 years)

Weather



WET SEASON
November to April. Average
temperatures from 24 - 32°C



DRY SEASON
May to October. Average
temperatures from 21 - 31°C



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Mining



14,913
population



277
number of businesses



33,060KM²
land



100%
Aboriginal-owned land



GOVE AIRPORT
Nhulunbuy is 60 minutes from Darwin, and 90 minutes from Cairns, Queensland



CENTRAL ARNHEM ROAD
connects Nhulunbuy with the Stuart Highway just southeast of Katherine



AU \$2B
gross regional product (2025)



EAST ARNHEM SUPPLIES 15%
of the world's manganese demand

Weather



WET SEASON
November to April. Average temperatures from 24 - 32°



DRY SEASON
May to October. Average temperatures from 21 - 31°C

EAST ARNHEM

Nhulunbuy, Groote Eylandt

East Arnhem's spectacular natural environment spans 33,060 km² of Aboriginal freehold land and is home to one of the world's oldest continuous living cultures.

With a population of approximately 15,000—more than 75% of whom are Yolnu or Anindilyakwa—the region has a rich history of trade and entrepreneurship and offers a competitive location for diverse industry investment.

Its long association with mining operations has led to significant infrastructure investment at a level and scale not typically found in other comparative locations. East Arnhem's

proximity to thriving APAC markets also provides a geographical advantage, facilitating international trade. The natural deep-water port in Melville Bay, which is the second deepest in the Northern Territory, boasts a strong geographical advantage as the next natural link between the closest major ports in Cairns and Darwin.

There are more than 70 homelands throughout the region, with populations ranging from 10 to 200 people. The regional hub of Nhulunbuy is located on the north-eastern tip of the Gove Peninsula with regular non-stop flights from both Darwin and Cairns.



📍 Rainbow Cliffs

BIG RIVERS

Katherine, Mataranka, Pine Creek

The Big Rivers Region covers approximately 25% of the Territory's total land area.

At the heart of the region is Katherine, the fourth largest town in the Northern Territory, with over 10,000 of the region's 22,000 residents. Katherine is strategically located at the juncture of the Darwin to Adelaide north-south transcontinental rail route and the Stuart Highway—the Northern Territory's main arterial highway connecting the regional road network to major trade routes from Australia's east, south, and west coasts.

The region is also home to 23 Aboriginal communities, 110 family outstations, 105 pastoral properties and six villages.

The geostrategic location of the Big Rivers region positions it as critical to Australia's northern Defence capability, and the abundance of natural resources, vast land mass, and unique landscapes drive world-class opportunities in agriculture, energy, resources and tourism.



📍 Katherine Hot Springs



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Agriculture
- Defence
- Energy
- Mining
- Tourism



22,026
population



1,081
number of businesses



326,327KM²
land



Produces **20%** of Australia's
mango supply



38% of the Northern Territory's
live beef exports



MC ARTHUR RIVER MINE
one of the largest deposits of
zinc-lead in the world



**NITMILUK, ELSEY AND
JUDBARRA NATIONAL PARKS**
renowned tourism destinations



TINDAL RAAF BASE
Nearing completion of the
A\$355m redevelopment



BEETALOO SUB-BASIN
home to over three-quarters
of the Northern Territory's
prospective shale gas resources



430 Tcf of P50 gas-in-place
contained in the Velkerri B-Shale
alone

Weather



SHORT WET SEASON
December to April with
monsoonal rains



LONG DRY SEASON
May to September with
beautiful sunny days



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Agriculture
- Energy
- Mining
- Tourism



6,183

population



181

number of businesses



323,514KM²

land



71%

Aboriginal population



BEETALOO SUB-BASIN

430 trillion cubic feet of P50 gas-in-place contained in the Velkerri B-Shale alone



TENNANT CREEK

home to 40% of the population of the Barkly region



SUNCABLE

the world's largest solar farm



EMERGING

mining and mineral service centre

Weather



WET SEASON

November to April with temperatures up to 40°C



DRY SEASON

May to October with temperatures from 12 - 25°C

BARKLY

Tennant Creek

Situated in the eastern central region of the Territory, the Barkly is known as the Golden Heart of Australia. The township of Tennant Creek serves as the primary service and supplier hub for the Barkly, with a population of around 3,800—nearly half the population of the region.

Major industries include government services, agriculture, construction, and mining, with the Barkly and Tennant Creek pastoral district accounting for a substantial proportion of the Territory's cattle industry.

The Beetaloo Sub-basin, which overlaps with the Big Rivers Region, is a world-class shale gas resource and home to over three-quarters of the Northern Territory's prospective shale gas resources.

With some of the highest and most reliable solar irradiance in the world, the Barkly will be home to SunCable, the world's largest solar farm.

The Barkly Region is rich in rugged beauty, including the Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve, the Lytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park and the birdwatcher's paradise of Lake Woods Conservation Covenant.



📍 Lake Mary Ann

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Alice Springs

Spanning 40% of the Territory and located at the geographical centre of Australia, this 600,000 km² region of expansive desert plains and ancient cultural value is often known as the Red Centre.

The Central Australia region contributes an estimated AU \$3.94 billion to the NT Gross State Product, driven by mining, tourism, and primary industries, underpinned by government funding for regional service delivery and defence.

Alice Springs, the second largest town in the Territory and the region's major economic, business, and service hub, has a population of around 30,000 and services a total regional population of 41,000, as well as

parts of South Australia, Western Australia, and Queensland. With deep spiritual origins dating back more than 30,000 years, Alice Springs is rich in culture and history.

Beyond Alice Springs, a large percentage of the region's population lives in outlying communities, including the Yulara township, which provides accommodation and services for the tourism industry at the world-famous Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, home to the culturally significant landmark Uluru. Yulara's population of just over 1,000 people swells with visitor numbers to around 300,000 each year.

Rich in minerals, there has been an increase in evidence of the region's mineral exploration and development potential.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Agriculture
- Defence
- Mining
- Tourism



43,434
population



2,146
number of businesses



569,566KM²
land



AU \$3.94B
contribution to the Northern Territory's gross regional product (2025)



AMADEUS BASIN
is home to conventional gas and petroleum as well as rock salt



Several
ONSHORE ENERGY PROJECTS
in the region including gas fields - Dingo and Mereenie, and oil fields - Mereenie.



ULURU, IN THE ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK
is sacred to the Anangu people and of national significance for tourism with the opening of the Signature Walk in 2026

Weather



WINTER MONTHS
April to September. Average temperatures from 0 - 25°C



SUMMER MONTHS
October to March. Average temperatures from 20 - 35°C

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