

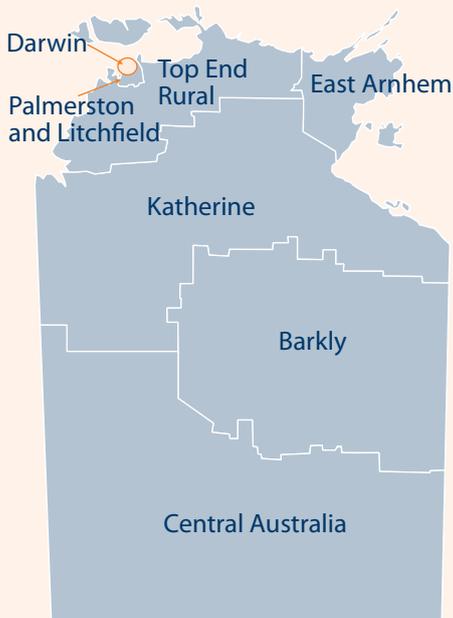
Regional Highlights

Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and programs in the 2009-10 Budget for the seven Territory regions.

The paper details initiatives in service delivery, tailored specifically for each region in the areas of business, jobs and training, safer communities, schooling, health, community development, and lifestyle and environment. It also includes Territory-wide initiatives, which apply across regions.

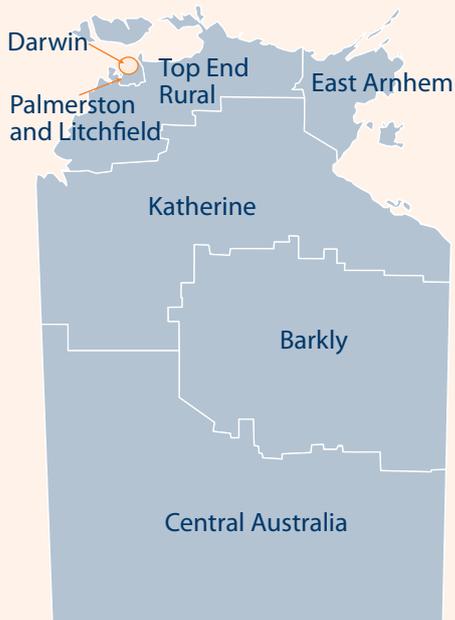
Important infrastructure projects are identified for each region as well as on a Territory-wide basis.

Regional Highlights complements the extensive information in the other Budget Papers by presenting budget details of particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory's regions.



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There are some initiatives that cannot be accurately apportioned between regions, however they are important and relevant across the Territory. Details of these initiatives are provided here, in addition to the information specific to each region in later sections.

Territory-wide

Supporting Business

- › \$5.6M to facilitate major economic development projects
- › \$5M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote mining investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$1.95M to support plant industries with entomology, plant pathology and agricultural chemistry services
- › \$1.8M for veterinary laboratory services providing animal health testing to livestock industries
- › \$1.4M to provide operational and program support for the Territory's peak business-related organisations
- › \$0.8M to increase the intensity of exploration drilling and geophysics in greenfields areas under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.63M for tourism market and industry data, intelligence and tools
- › \$0.6M for the Indigenous Business Development Program
- › \$0.6M for international marketing support for Jetstar
- › \$0.48M for drive market and fishing tourism marketing campaigns
- › \$0.46M to prepare for, and respond to, incursions of pests and diseases of plants and animals
- › \$0.35M for domestic marketing support for Tiger Airways
- › \$0.35M to market the Qantas Outback Airpass in the USA, UK, Germany and Japan
- › \$0.34M in support for Indigenous tourism operators
- › \$0.3M for pastoral producers to increase and improve stock watering facilities on their properties
- › \$0.3M for the tourism 'Make the Switch' renewable energy program

- › \$0.25M for research, development and extension to support tropical and arid zone horticulture
- › \$0.2M for Economic Development Committees
- › \$0.12M to develop a Territory-wide investment facilitation framework
- › \$0.11M for alternative energy and biofuels projects
- › \$0.1M to assist regional businesses with export marketing objectives
- › \$0.1M for the Business Facilitation Program at Ti Tree and Maningrida

Jobs and Training

- › \$19.86M to support and train apprentices and trainees
- › \$1M for an additional 10 000 apprentice commencements
- › \$1M for the Remote Workforce Development Strategy, for training and development opportunities for employees in remote localities
- › \$0.58M for the Business and Skilled Migration Strategy
- › \$0.56M to provide 40 higher education scholarships
- › \$0.52M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.5M to expand the Work Ready program
- › \$0.5M to expand the Build Skills program
- › \$0.4M for the National Skilled Worker Marketing Campaign
- › \$0.3M for the Regional Economic Development Fund
- › \$0.25M for targeted regional and industry labour market research
- › \$0.16M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment

- › \$0.15M for Workforce Growth NT to match labour skills with needs
- › \$75 000 to waive TAFE fees for childcare qualifications under National Partnership funding

Safer Communities

- › \$3M for Victims of Crime payments
- › \$3M to implement mandatory reporting of domestic and family violence
- › \$1M to integrate Youth Community Corrections into the Family Support Centre
- › \$0.72M for coronial and related services
- › \$0.52M for licensing identification systems in takeaway liquor outlets
- › \$0.5M to support regional alcohol management plans such as GoodSports, which promotes responsible drinking culture in sporting clubs
- › \$0.5M for residential care services for children within the child protection system
- › \$0.5M for additional child protection workers across the Territory
- › \$0.5M to continue developing programs to address family violence in remote areas
- › \$0.46M for the Community Court, to involve the community and the victim in the criminal court process
- › \$0.35M to operate the Alcohol Court
- › \$0.31M for the Community Justice Centre fast and free dispute resolution service
- › \$0.3M to expand the Child Abuse Taskforce to increase investigative activities in remote communities
- › \$0.2M to Victims of Crime NT to support and assist victims of crime
- › \$0.2M for research into drinking patterns and attitudes to drinking
- › \$0.16M for an education campaign directed at people who work or volunteer with children to have a Working with Children Clearance

- › \$0.13M for road safety education messages to school students in regional and remote communities
- › \$0.1M to implement the Alcohol Ignition Lock Program
- › \$50 000 for boxing schools to deter youth from crime

Better Schooling

- › \$5.41M for early childhood education and children services
- › \$5.32M for a range of school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap
- › \$3.85M for Indigenous Early Childhood (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$2.75M for the Accelerated Literacy Program to improve English literacy outcomes for students
- › \$2.6M for the Families as First Teacher program
- › \$1.5M for Early Childhood Reform (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$1.42M for community organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Life Education Unit and School Sport NT

Better Health

- › \$2.5M for digital radiology services, to provide specialists with remote access to regional hospital imaging and to enhance trauma response capability at Royal Darwin Hospital
- › \$2M to meet additional costs of care and services for children in care
- › \$1.06M for water analytical testing laboratories to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies

- › \$0.25M to expand the Territory Independence and Mobility Equipment Scheme

Community Development

- › \$35.7M for housing maintenance in remote Indigenous communities
- › \$8.6M for tenancy management in remote Indigenous communities
- › \$0.7M for community organisations to accommodate people with special needs (e.g. disability, youth, mental health)
- › \$0.45M for opportunities for Indigenous people in the pastoral industry
- › \$0.4M for community organisations to provide crisis accommodation
- › \$0.16M for the Marine Ranger Program, which provides financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal, noxious plant control and community education

Lifestyle and Environment

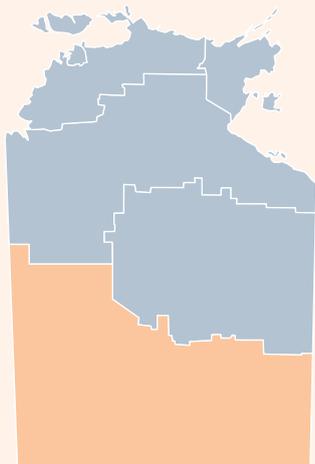
- › \$10.07M to support the thoroughbred racing industry
- › \$6.3M for sport and recreational activities grants
- › \$3.9M to facilitate and promote major sporting and cultural events
- › \$2.92M from the Community Benefit Fund for small grants, gambling amelioration and gambling research
- › \$3.2M for arts and culture across the Territory



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$191.7M under Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program for new and refurbished homes
- \$61.94M for government employee housing works
- \$22.67M for new and upgraded social housing as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan
- \$17.5M to increase prisoner capacity in Darwin and Alice Springs gaols
- \$13.98M for national highways – strengthening and widening
- \$9.35M for Indigenous essential services projects across the Territory
- \$6.98M for level crossing upgrades
- \$5.54M for Roads to Recovery
- \$5.2M for urban and rural roads
- \$5M for road safety initiatives including rest stops on the Stuart, Barkly and Victoria highways
- \$5M for overtaking lanes between Darwin and Katherine
- \$4.5M to upgrade cyclone shelters
- \$4M to redevelop public housing unit complexes in urban areas
- \$3.5M for the Black Spot Program
- \$3M for urban arterial roads traffic management
- \$2.5M to continue investment under the Strategy for Safe Water
- \$2.33M for the Remote Aerodrome Safety Program
- \$2.32M for improved recreational fishing infrastructure
- \$2M to upgrade homeland learning centres at various schools
- \$2M for emergency accommodation for domestic violence victims
- \$1.79M for general purpose housing
- \$1.58M for new classrooms at Gunbalanya, Imanpa and Epenara and a new early years learning centre at Minyerri School
- \$1.38M for more transportable health facilities in remote communities
- \$1.29M for the Homelessness National Partnership Agreement – A Place to Call Home Program
- \$1.16M to expand space for Katherine, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy community correction officers
- \$1.05M to continue the Accident Prevention Program, improving road safety
- \$1M for rural area commuting park and ride facilities
- \$1M for roadside facilities for heavy vehicle drivers
- \$0.58M for closed circuit television in Darwin and Casuarina
- \$0.55M for mobile dental clinic rooms and hearing booths
- \$0.5M for the Arafura to Alice Eco-link
- \$0.4M for student counsellor offices at Gunbalanya and Nhulunbuy
- \$0.38M to replace the unic crane in the Port of Darwin
- \$0.14M for relocatable renal self care haemodialysis facilities
- › \$2.6M for the sustainable management of aquatic resources
- › \$2.51M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- › \$2.3M for increased pensioner concessions for motor vehicle registration, drivers licence and utility costs
- › \$2.24M to support the Northern Territory Institute of Sport as a leader in athletes development
- › \$2.11M to support businesses and households in responding to climate change initiatives
- › \$1.8M for free bus travel for seniors and students
- › \$1.45M for development grants for sporting infrastructure
- › \$1.07M for flood forecasting services
- › \$1M to promote multicultural activities and improve community facilities
- › \$1M for community library resources
- › \$1M to support remote community sport and recreation programs
- › \$0.82M for monitoring mines to provide effective protection of the surrounding environment
- › \$0.8M for the Environment Protection Authority
- › \$0.67M to support regional and remote community art festivals
- › \$0.65M to assess proposed mining and ongoing regulatory activities
- › \$0.64M to assess trends in plant and animal populations
- › \$0.63M to regulate offshore and onshore petroleum exploration and energy pipelines
- › \$0.6M to manage inshore marine resources
- › \$0.56M in EnvironmeNT Grants to rethink waste, conserve water, manage weed and feral animals, and for other environmental programs
- › \$0.53M to support film industries
- › \$0.5M to regulate the use of veterinary and agricultural chemicals
- › \$0.5M to manage aquatic resources
- › \$0.49M for volunteer bushfire brigades
- › \$0.43M for energy efficiency in high energy use schools
- › \$0.42M to replace volunteer bushfire brigade vehicles
- › \$0.3M for the Public Art program
- › \$0.26M for touring visual and performing arts
- › \$0.23M for Territory music, writing and dance through peak arts groups
- › \$0.16M for 'Remembering Territory Families' to record the history of major Territory families
- › \$0.1M to link parks and conservation areas to protect biodiversity as part of the Arafura to Alice Eco-link
- › \$50 000 for the Northern Territory Netball Team (NT Storm) to continue in national competition

Central Australia



The Central Australia region, which occupies 40 per cent of the Territory's land area, is home to almost 19 per cent of the Territory's population. As at 30 June 2008, there were about 40 900 people living in the region, 41 per cent of whom were Indigenous. The region has a relatively young population, with 40 per cent under 25 and 5 per cent over 65 years. Alice Springs, the main centre in the region, has a population of around 26 800.

The main industries in the Central Australia region include mining, pastoralism, oil and gas, tourism, defence and Indigenous arts and culture. The cattle industry contributes strongly to the regional economy, accounting for around 20 per cent of the Territory's \$320 million industry. The vast majority of the Territory's gold and onshore oil and gas comes from the region.

Tourist attractions include Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and the West MacDonnell Ranges. Arts and culture is an important source of Indigenous employment.

Supporting Business

- › \$3.2M for the Territory Discoveries call centre, providing tourism bookings and information on behalf of operators across the Territory
- › \$2.1M for the Global Red Centre Way tourism marketing campaign
- › \$0.7M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote mining investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.68M to manage the Desert Knowledge Australia Precinct
- › \$0.68M to Tourism Central Australia for visitor information and marketing for Alice Springs and Uluru
- › \$0.39M to manage the Arid Zone Research Institute and Ti Tree Research Farm
- › \$0.38M for services to ensure Territory livestock meet domestic and export market standards
- › \$0.35M for projects to improve ecological land health and improve pastoral enterprise sustainability
- › \$0.35M for Alice Springs Convention Centre marketing to interstate and overseas delegates
- › \$0.32M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- › \$0.24M to help the pastoral industry meet the challenges of a highly variable climate
- › \$0.17M for services to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets market standards
- › \$0.15M for the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre
- › \$0.15M for the Indigenous Tourism Hub, which supports emerging Indigenous tourism operators
- › \$0.15M for two Indigenous Tourism Development Officers in the Central Land Council, to work with traditional owners to develop new tourism products
- › \$0.12M to investigate new technology to enable intensive management of a pastoral enterprise
- › \$90 000 to hold the 2009 Broлга Tourism Awards in Alice Springs

Jobs and Training

- › \$14.73M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.85M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment
- › \$0.15M for business and skilled migration
- › \$0.13M to deliver the accredited Public Sector Management Program
- › \$0.1M for the Workforce Growth Unit to match labour skills with needs



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$21.74M for new and continuing works at the Alice Springs Hospital including \$2.5M for mental health secure care facilities
- \$17.19M for the Primary Schools for the 21st Century initiative – for new works up to \$3M for each primary, special and bush school
- \$9.9M for Tanami Road
- \$7.6M for Plenty Highway
- \$6M to upgrade Alice Springs Police Station
- \$5.4M for Maryvale Road
- \$4.73M for the Alice Springs Middle School – to establish a youth hub at Anzac Hill and upgrade and refurbish school facilities at both campuses
- \$4.5M for Araluen Centre for air-conditioning upgrade
- \$3.5M to complete access from the Stuart Highway to the Pine Hill horticultural district
- \$3.2M for the Ross Park Primary School upgrade stage 3
- \$3M for West MacDonnell visitors centre and facilities
- \$2.4M to connect Yuelamu to Yuendumu power station
- \$2.07M for the National School Pride Program – minor refurbishment works in every school
- \$1.9M for Santa Teresa Road
- \$1.7M to convert the Alparra homeland centre into a school
- \$1.38M to continue work on the Desert People’s Centre information and technology buildings
- \$1.19M to continue the Outback Way
- \$0.75M for the Papunya and Mt Liebig Road upgrade
- \$0.68M to complete the Yuendumu School upgrade
- \$0.65M to complete lighting at Yulara Drive/Lasseter Highway intersection
- \$0.63M to complete the Areyonga Health Centre upgrade
- \$0.5M for the Kata Tjuta to Kaltukatjara Road upgrade
- \$0.5M to continue work on Red Centre Way signage
- \$0.42M to replace the water storage tank at Wilora
- \$0.4M for Alice Springs central business district beautification

Safer Communities

- › \$44.1M for police, fire and emergency services, including ten police stations, two fire stations, two emergency service units and 13 volunteer groups. Police stations have been established in Arparra, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Mutitjulu, Nyirippi, Willowra and Santa Teresa – along with a Police Beat in the Alice Springs shopping precinct
- › \$27.42M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- › \$3.03M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities. The courts sit in Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Ti Tree, Hermannsburg and Docker River. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Alice Springs
- › \$1.3M for community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$1.12M to expand emergency accommodation for young people at risk
- › \$0.85M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence, Victims Become Offenders, Elder and Remote Communities Corrections Officers programs
- › \$0.79M to establish a Family Support Centre to support Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders under the *Youth Justice Act*
- › \$0.78M for safe and secure juvenile holding facilities at Aranda House
- › \$0.47M for the Targeted Family Support Service to support vulnerable families under the Differential Response Framework
- › \$0.4M for youth rehabilitation camps
- › \$0.35M to Tangentyere Council to provide return to country, information and referral services for homeless and itinerant people
- › \$0.3M for land titles, births, deaths and marriage registration and public trustee services
- › \$95 000 for regional justice project officers, increasing public safety and reducing alcohol consumption and harm
- › \$25 000 for road safety education in remote communities

Better Schooling

- › \$33.84M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$27.6M for primary and early childhood education in seven urban schools
- › \$21.95M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 29 remote schools
- › \$11.02M Commonwealth contribution for schools, including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments
- › \$7.9M for senior secondary education at Centralian Senior Secondary College
- › \$7.46M for Alice Springs Middle School
- › \$3.84M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$3.3M for school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap and the Northern Territory Emergency Response
- › \$1.74M for open learning programs and support for students and teachers in music and language

- › \$1.64M for isolated student education at the School of the Air
- › \$1.13M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$1.01M for school buses and special needs transport for students
- › \$0.95M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.81M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.65M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- › \$0.62M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.52M for Indigenous Education Programs
- › \$0.5M for the Back to School payment for every student
- › \$0.41M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$2.45M for the Araluen Cultural Precinct
- › \$0.69M for an urban bus service
- › \$0.66M for public library services in Alice Springs, Uluru, Anmatjere and Lhere Artepe
- › \$0.53M to support key arts organisations and festivals in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.42M for the management of threatened species in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.38M for the Strehlow Research Centre collection
- › \$0.36M to monitor and advise on land and grazing conditions
- › \$0.35M for pest research and control including camels, cats, wild dogs, foxes, rabbits, horses and donkeys in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.28M for Alice Springs headworks study and modelling
- › \$0.25M for the Water Tank Rebate Scheme in Central Australia and Barkly
- › \$0.2M for advice to landholders on weed management
- › \$0.17M for regional museums
- › \$0.16M to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- › \$0.15M for herbarium collections and services
- › \$0.15M for the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
- › \$0.13M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders
- › \$0.1M for Junior Ranger program
- › \$0.1M for advice on soil erosion and sediment control in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$90 000 to monitor surface and groundwater to assess mining impacts
- › \$80 000 for Alice Springs CBD Urban Design Stage 2 study
- › \$70 000 to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity
- › \$50 000 to support Cool Community initiatives
- › \$40 000 to support the Arid Lands Environment Centre
- › \$10 000 to sponsor the Camel Cup and Henley on Todd

Better Health

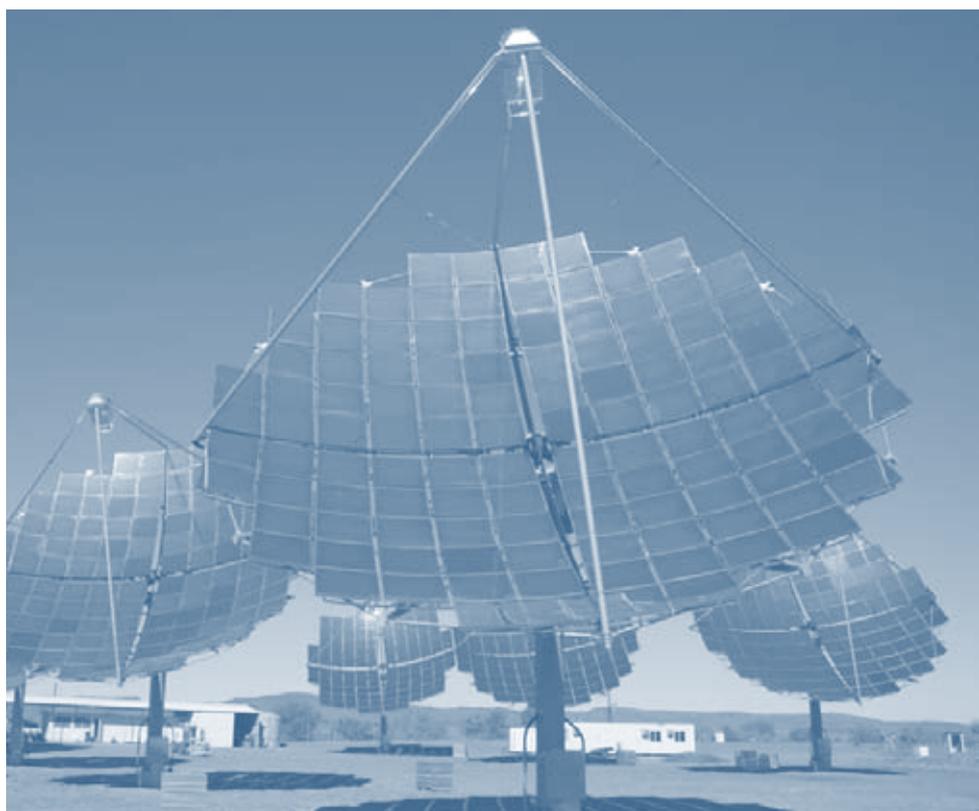
- › \$135.84M for acute care services in Central Australia, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$55.93M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- › \$0.86M to enhance care for young people with complex needs
- › \$0.2M for initiatives under the Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- › \$0.1M to establish therapeutic services for children and young people in child protection or out of home care

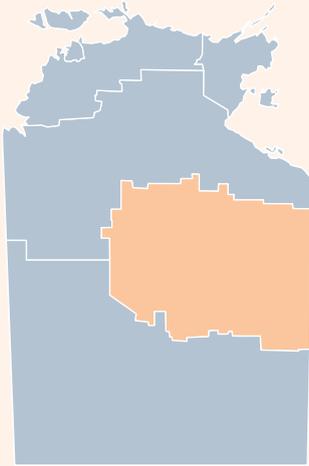
Community Development

- › \$8.4M for home ownership schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$5.87M for the Alice Springs Desert Park
- › \$5.8M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties, and roadhouses





The Barkly covers about 283 650 square kilometres, 21 per cent of the total land area of the Northern Territory. The region extends along the Stuart Highway from Barrow Creek to Elliott and east across the Barkly Tableland to Queensland. The population of the region is about 6300, of whom 65 per cent are Indigenous. The main centre is Tennant Creek with a population of around 3400. A high proportion of people in the region are young, with 45 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 5 per cent over 65. Pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy.

Manganese production from the Bootu Creek mine has added to regional economic activity and employment opportunities. The Peko rehabilitation project, near Tennant Creek, is expected to commence construction of a processing plant in 2009-10. The plant will use a biological process to extract magnetite, copper, gold and cobalt from the tailings of the former copper mine. The Barkly accounts for about 30 per cent of the Territory's total cattle industry.

Barkly

Supporting Business

- › \$0.5M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote mining investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.37M for services to ensure Territory livestock meet domestic and export market standards
- › \$0.37M for animal production and rangelands research to improve pastoral industry profitability and sustainability
- › \$0.29M to Battery Hill Mining Centre for visitor information services
- › \$0.26M for the Tennant Creek Foundation to manage the Battery Hill Mining Centre and the Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre
- › \$0.1M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- › \$0.1M for a local Tourism Industry Development Officer

Jobs and Training

- › \$3.14M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.9M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment including Regional and Remote Training Centre
- › \$0.25M to establish a Regional Job Hub in Tennant Creek to improve employment outcomes for local people

Safer Communities

- › \$8.4M for police, fire and emergency services, including four police stations, one fire station and five volunteer groups
- › \$2M for prisoner work camps
- › \$0.57M for Tennant Creek community corrections to monitor

and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community

- › \$0.55M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence, Victims Become Offenders, Elder and Remote Communities Corrections Officers Programs
- › \$0.19M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including at Elliott and Ali Curung. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Tennant Creek
- › \$95 000 for Regional Justice Project Officers to help increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and harm

Better Schooling

- › \$7.17M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools
- › \$4.58M for primary and early childhood education at Tennant Creek Primary School
- › \$3.34M Commonwealth contribution for schools including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments
- › \$3.06M for middle years education at Tennant Creek High School
- › \$2.44M for senior years education at Tennant Creek High School
- › \$1.54M for school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap and the Northern Territory Emergency Response
- › \$0.97M for students and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$0.64M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.35M for Indigenous Education Programs to improve Indigenous education

- › \$0.22M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- › \$0.21M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.17M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$0.16M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.11M for Territory Student Assistance Travel Schemes
- › \$88 100 for the Back to School payment scheme to assist with the cost of essential school items

Better Health

- › \$12.48M for acute care services in the Barkly region, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$5.78M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- › \$0.2M for home ownership schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$2.2M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties, and roadhouses
- › \$1.49M to develop joint park management arrangements between traditional owners and Parks and Wildlife

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$4.68M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works up to \$3M for each primary, special and bush school
- \$3M to build a new multipurpose sports facility at Tennant Creek High School
- \$2.45M for renal facilities
- \$1.6M for a new power station at Alpururulam
- \$1.3M to redevelop the Tennant Creek Trade Training Centre

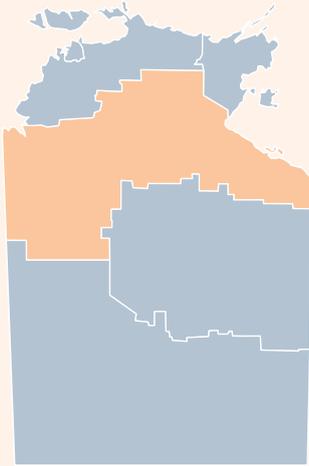
- › \$0.53M to support key arts organisations and festivals in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.42M for the management of threatened species in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.35M for feral and vertebrate pest research and control including camels, cats, wild dogs, foxes, rabbits, horses and donkeys in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.25M for the Water Tank Rebate Scheme in Barkly and Central Australia to encourage the public to preserve water
- › \$0.21M to provide monitoring and advisory services to pastoralists using a suite of landscape and monitoring methodologies to observe land and grazing conditions
- › \$0.2M for advice to landholders on weed management
- › \$0.17M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the

- \$0.7M for Tennant Creek Hospital – Stage 3
- \$0.56M for National School Pride Program – minor refurbishment works in every school
- \$0.45M to develop water sources and drill production bores at Alpururulam
- \$0.42M for the Tennant Creek Main Street Initiative and Green Street program
- \$0.32M to complete a new specialist learning space at Alekareng School

assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management

- › \$0.16M for public library services in Tennant Creek and Elliott
- › \$0.12M to commence work on the Western Davenport Ranges water allocation plan
- › \$0.1M for advice to landholders by raising potential soil erosion and sediment control issues in Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$0.1M for community based arts activities and services in the region
- › \$70 000 for vegetation mapping in the Barkly and Central Australia
- › \$45 000 for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- › \$20 000 to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity





The Katherine region extends from the Ord Bonaparte area in the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east. Katherine is the main centre with a population of about 9200. The region has a population of about 19 000, 54 per cent of whom are Indigenous, 46 per cent are under 25, and 5 per cent are 65 years and over.

Industries include mining, mixed farming, horticulture, pastoralism and tourism. The McArthur River mine near Borroloola is the largest lead-zinc mine in the world. In recent years there have been large plantings of rockmelons and other melons in the region. Other horticulture includes mangoes and peanuts.

Good road and rail infrastructure and a strategic location have enabled Katherine to develop as a regional freight hub, servicing industries in both the Territory and Kimberley region. RAAF Base Tindal is also located in the region. Tourist attractions include Nitmiluk Gorge, Leliyn (Edith Falls), Mataranka and the Victoria River.

Katherine

Supporting Business

- › \$1.14M to manage the Katherine and Victoria River research stations
- › \$0.75M for animal and rangelands research to improve profitability and sustainability for pastoralists
- › \$0.6M for services to ensure Territory livestock meet domestic and export market standards
- › \$0.4M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote mining investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.29M to Katherine Town Council for visitor information services
- › \$0.27M to facilitate sustainable broadacre farming
- › \$0.26M for the Territory Business Centre
- › \$0.23M to continue to support the mango industry
- › \$0.17M for services to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets market standards
- › \$0.11M for plant industry research for best practice sustainable farming
- › \$0.1M for a local Tourism Industry Development Officer

Jobs and Training

- › \$5.41M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.4M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment including Regional and Remote Training Centre
- › \$0.1M for the Workforce Growth Unit to attract labour from around Australia and overseas

Safer Communities

- › \$21.4M for police, fire and emergency services, including nine police stations, one fire station and 12 volunteer groups. Police stations

have been established at Bulman, Minyerri and Yarralin

- › \$1.21M for Katherine community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.88M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkaringi, Borroloola and Lajamanu
- › \$0.74M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence, Victims Become Offenders, Elder and Remote Communities Corrections Officers programs
- › \$0.35M to Mission Australia to provide return to country, information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people
- › \$0.3M for a Targeted Family Support Service to support vulnerable families
- › \$0.2M for the Peace at Home project to deal with domestic violence and child protection issues
- › \$0.2M to expand sexual assault referral centre services
- › \$95 000 for Regional Justice Project Officers to help increase public safety and decrease alcohol consumption and harm

Better Schooling

- › \$23.95M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 20 remote schools
- › \$14.26M for primary and early childhood education in six urban schools
- › \$8.76M Commonwealth contribution for schools including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments
- › \$5.7M for middle years education at Katherine High School
- › \$4.73M for senior secondary education at Katherine High School
- › \$3.71M to assist non-government schools in the region

- › \$2.87M for students and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$2.54M for isolated student education through School of the Air
- › \$2.26M for a range of school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap and the Northern Territory Emergency Response
- › \$1.73M for school buses and special needs transport services for students including to RAAF Base Tindal
- › \$1.33M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.72M for Indigenous Education Programs
- › \$0.6M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.48M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$0.47M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.44M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$0.29M for the Back to School payment for every child
- › \$0.22M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools

Better Health

- › \$27.75M for acute care services in Katherine region, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$21.36M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- › \$1.6M for home ownership schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$0.12M for Katherine Rural Living and Residential Investigation
- › \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program to support Indigenous communities with sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education

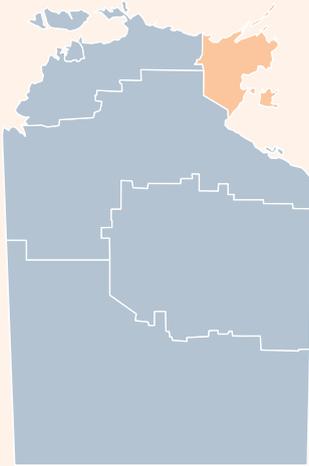
Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$11.99M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works up to \$3M for each primary, special and bush school
- › \$10M Stuart Highway – to divert heavy vehicles around Katherine CBD
- › \$7.7M for Buntine Highway
- › \$7M for Wollogorang Road – bridge over McArthur River
- › \$6.41M to continue Victoria Highway works
- › \$2.59M Katherine Sobering-up Shelter, continuing work
- › \$2.5M to upgrade the Lajamanu airstrip
- › \$1.78M to continue Ngukurr School upgrade
- › \$1.44M for the National School Pride Program – refurbishments in every school
- › \$1.25M for new classrooms for early years at Lajamanu School
- › \$1.22M Pigeon Hole aerodrome continuing works
- › \$1M for Nitmiluk National Park – upgrade utilities
- › \$0.5M to equip new water bores at Rittarangu
- › \$0.46M to continue to upgrade the Minyerri Health Centre
- › \$0.45M for water source development at Barunga
- › \$0.45M for water source development at Beswick
- › \$0.35M for Katherine main street
- › \$0.35M to continue the upgrade of Bulla Health Centre

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$1.7M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties, and roadhouses
- › \$1.2M for advice to landholders on erosion, sediment control and land clearing issues in Top End regions
- › \$0.82M for joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- › \$0.75M to monitor and advise pastoralists on land and grazing conditions in Top End regions
- › \$0.62M for crocodile management, surveys and signage in the Top End
- › \$0.6M for public library services in Katherine, Lajamanu, Borroloola, Mataranka, Yugul Mangi and Nyirrangulung
- › \$0.51M to assess and monitor biodiversity within the Daly River
- › \$0.17M for bushfire mitigation and wildfire suppression strategies
- › \$0.13M to monitor the impact of mining on surface and groundwater
- › \$0.13M for pest research and control e.g. cats, wild dogs, horses, donkeys
- › \$0.12M for water allocation planning for the Ooloo aquifer in the Daly
- › \$0.1M to assess trends in plant and animal populations
- › \$0.1M for Mataranka water allocation plan
- › \$0.1M to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity
- › \$41 000 for regional museums





As at 30 June 2008, East Arnhem had a population of 16 200 of whom 63 per cent were Indigenous. The main centre, Nhulunbuy, has a population of around 4600. The region's population is relatively young and dispersed, with 45 per cent aged 24 years and under and about 2 per cent aged 65 years and over.

The region covers East Arnhem Land and includes Groote Eylandt and Elcho Island, with major population centres Nhulunbuy and Alyangula. Access for travellers and freight is mainly by air or sea as roads to the region cross very difficult terrain.

Mining production is the main economic activity in the region, with alumina and bauxite production on the Gove Peninsula and manganese on Groote Eylandt.

Other industries in East Arnhem include buffalo farming, aquaculture and fishing. Traditional Indigenous cultural experiences, Indigenous art, and the remote and natural wilderness attract visitors to the region.

East Arnhem

Jobs and Training

- › \$5.52M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.75M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment including Regional and Remote Training Centre
- › \$0.3M for an extra ranger each year under the Indigenous Ranger Group Development Program
- › \$0.25M for a Regional Job Hub in Nhulunbuy to improve employment outcomes for local people

Safer Communities

- › \$9.3M for police, fire and emergency services, including two police stations, one fire station and six volunteer groups. Police stations have been established under at Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Numbulwar and Ramingining
- › \$0.5M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.16M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Galiwin'ku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy
- › \$95 000 for Regional Justice Project Officers to help increase public safety and reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm

Better Schooling

- › \$37.24M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 11 remote schools in the region
- › \$8.77M Commonwealth contribution for schools including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments

- › \$5.74M for primary and early childhood education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
- › \$3.18M for middle years education at Nhulunbuy High School
- › \$2.73M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$2.69M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$2.6M for senior secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School
- › \$1.23M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$1.18M for school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap and the Northern Territory Emergency Response
- › \$0.67M for Indigenous Education Programs to improve Indigenous education
- › \$0.57M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.54M for school buses and special needs transport services for students in Nhulunbuy and Groote Eylandt
- › \$0.46M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$0.44M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.27M for the Back to School payment scheme to assist with the cost of essential school items
- › \$0.18M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$96 800 for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools

Better Health

- › \$19.85M for acute care services in the East Arnhem region, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$15.46M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- › \$2.8M to complete the Territory's total commitment of \$11.8M for an 800km fibre optic telecommunications link between Jabiru and Nhulunbuy to provide high speed broadband for better health and education services to nine Arnhem Land communities
- › \$0.21M to support the Aboriginal Resource Development Service Inc. in its work in economic development and community service with the Yolngu people of north-eastern Arnhem Land
- › \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program, providing additional support for two marine ranger groups in East Arnhem – Maningrida and Elcho Island

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$1.2M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, and pastoral and rural properties
- › \$0.62M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns in East Arnhem, Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and Katherine
- › \$0.4M for wildlife protection by monitoring trade and increasing community awareness in East Arnhem, Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, and Top End Rural
- › \$0.35M for public library services in Nhulunbuy, Galiwin'ku,

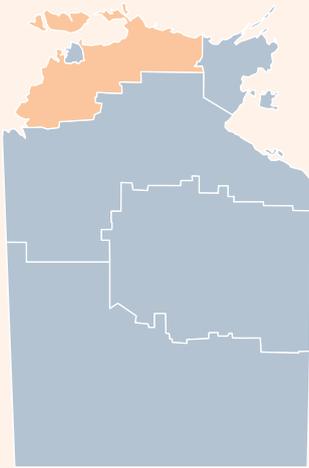
Infrastructure Highlights

- \$13.83M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works of up to \$3M for each primary, special and bush school
- \$4.5M for the new Milingimbi Health Centre
- \$2M for the Numbulwar Police Post – to convert the existing facility to a police station and provide housing, a communications tower, boat shelter and generator
- \$1.67M for the National School Pride Program – refurbishments in every school
- \$1.5M to convert the homeland centre into a school at Yilpara
- \$1.46M to continue works at Ramingining School
- \$1.4M for continuing works at health centres in Jilkminggan and Ngukurr
- \$1.25M to upgrade teaching and learning areas at Numbulwar School
- \$1.25M to upgrade classrooms and the home economics building at Angurugu School
- \$1.25M for administration, teaching and learning areas at Gapuwiyak School
- \$1.16M Gove District Hospital – accommodate four high care respite beds
- \$1.12M to continue work at Yirrkala School
- \$1M for Central Arnhem Road – continuing works
- \$0.98M to continue to upgrade Milyakburra aerodrome
- \$0.65M to replace the ground level water tank at Ramingining
- \$0.5M to construct a transitional after care service facility for substance abuse clients
- \$0.5M for Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre – staff accommodation

Milingimbi, Ramingining, Alyangula, Umbakumba and Angurugu

- › \$0.33M for wildfire suppression strategies in critical risk areas in Top End regions
- › \$0.19M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- › \$0.11M to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity and for collaborative biodiversity surveys with landholders
- › \$75 000 for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- › \$70 000 for the management of threatened species
- › \$55 000 for research and improving public awareness of exotic ants in East Arnhem, Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and Katherine
- › \$30 000 to assess trends in plant and animal populations





The Top End Rural region encompasses many small communities and covers the area south of Palmerston and Litchfield, east to East Arnhem and south to the Katherine region. About 16 100 people live in the region, 72 per cent of whom are Indigenous. Tourism, horticulture and mining contribute significantly to the region's economic activity.

Mining in the region includes uranium oxide from the ERA Ranger mine near Jabiru and iron ore from the Frances Creek mine, and development of the Eni Blacktip gas field offshore.

Tourist attractions in the region include Litchfield National Park, Kakadu National Park, and the Daly and other rivers for recreational fishing. Other important industries in the region include cattle and farming with horticulture and agriculture supported by the Coastal Plains and Douglas Daly research farms. While the Douglas Daly has historically been a cattle producing region, large investment in hard wood plantations is leading to a change of land use in the region.

Top End Rural

Supporting Business

- › \$2.25M for a global Kakadu tourism marketing campaign, promoting access through Darwin
- › \$1M to manage the Douglas Daly Research Farm
- › \$0.28M to provide advice in native pasture management
- › \$0.28M to enhance best practice guidelines for breeder cattle management in the Top End
- › \$0.28M for research or improving performance in buffalo herds
- › \$0.27M for research into the environmental impacts of plant industries for best practice sustainable farming
- › \$0.23M to support the mango industry
- › \$0.2M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote mining investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- › \$0.15M for hardwood forestry research for the semi-arid tropics
- › \$0.1M for strategies to protect pastoral markets and develop emerging market opportunities
- › \$67 000 for research on sustainable broadacre farming

Jobs and Training

- › \$6.85M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$0.34M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment

Safer Communities

- › \$8.6M for police, fire and emergency services including nine police stations, one fire station and 13 volunteer groups. Police stations have been established at Minjilang, Peppimenarti and Waruwi

- › \$0.6M for youth rehabilitation camps
- › \$0.55M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.12M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru. Registry services are provided through the Magistrates Court at Darwin

Better Schooling

- › \$24.97M for early childhood, primary and secondary education in 18 remote schools
- › \$8.22M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$5.5M Commonwealth contribution for schools including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments
- › \$2.39M for school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap and the Northern Territory Emergency Response
- › \$1.39M for students and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$1.02M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.6M for school buses and special needs transport services for students in Jabiru
- › \$0.56M for Indigenous Education Programs
- › \$0.48M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$0.29M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.23M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.23M for the Back to School payment scheme to assist with the cost of essential school items

- › \$0.14M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- › \$65 000 for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme

Better Health

- › \$31.34M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- › \$0.24M for the Marine Ranger Program which supports Indigenous communities to monitor illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
- › \$0.18M to develop a 15-year strategic land use plan for the Coomalie, Finnis and Dundee areas

Lifestyle and Environment

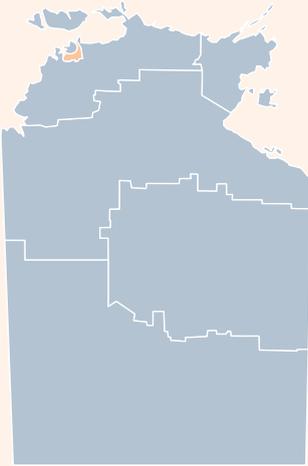
- › \$1.2M for land and vegetation advice on potential erosion, sediment control and land clearing in Top End Rural, Katherine and Palmerston and Litchfield
- › \$0.75M to monitor and advise pastoralists on land and grazing conditions in Top End Rural and Palmerston and Litchfield
- › \$0.7M for renewable energy rebates for Indigenous communities, pastoral and rural properties, and roadhouses
- › \$0.62M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns across the Top End

Infrastructure Highlights

- › \$12.78M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works of up to \$3M for each primary, special and bush school
- › \$7.22M to continue work on the new health centre in Wadeye
- › \$4.23M to continue upgrades to Port Keats Road stage 1
- › \$2.2M to upgrade Daly River and Nauiyu road crossings
- › \$2M for Fog Bay Road – seal between Cox Peninsula Road and Namarada Drive
- › \$1.54M for the National School Pride Program – refurbishments in every school
- › \$1.5M to continue work on the Minjilang aerodrome
- › \$1.25M to extend and upgrade the administration area at Gunbalanya School
- › \$1M to upgrade water storage at Palumpa
- › \$1M to replace existing and provide additional water storage capacity at Waruwi
- › \$0.84M Litchfield National Park – continue to upgrade visitor facilities
- › \$0.6M to extend the power station and upgrade fuel bunding at Waruwi
- › \$0.59M to continue sealing 15km of the Litchfield Loop
- › \$0.4M Black Point – complete fuel storage and remediation works

- › \$0.47M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts
- › \$0.4M for wildlife protection across the Top End
- › \$0.36M for pest research and control including buffaloes, pigs, cats, wild dogs, cane toads, horses and donkeys in the Top End
- › \$0.33M for wildfire suppression strategies in critical risk areas across the Top End
- › \$0.3M to advise landholders on weed management
- › \$0.25M for public library services in Jabiru, Wadeye, Coomalie and Tiwi Islands
- › \$0.24M for joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- › \$0.18M for bushfire mitigation control to assist landholders with fire mitigation and prevention works
- › \$0.15M to manage and operate Window on the Wetlands
- › \$0.15M for water allocation planning for the Tiwi Islands
- › \$70 000 for the management of threatened species
- › \$70 000 for biological control using insects to eliminate noxious weeds
- › \$40 000 to assess trends in plant and animal populations
- › \$20 000 to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity
- › \$10 000 for community education programs on invasive weeds





The Palmerston and Litchfield area has been growing strongly, with nearly five per cent growth over 2007-08. About 12 per cent of the region's population are Indigenous. About 44 400 people live in the region with over 27 000 in Palmerston city. The region has a relatively young population overall, with about 40 per cent under 25 and only 4 per cent 65 or older.

Industries in the Palmerston and Litchfield region include aquaculture, cattle, crocodile farming, horticulture, defence and LNG production at Wickham Point. Mangoes are the largest contributor to the horticultural industry while LNG is the Territory's most valuable export commodity. Recreational fishing is an important tourism activity in this and other Top End regions.

The region has significant transport and logistics infrastructure including; East Arm Wharf, Darwin Business Park and the passenger and freight terminals for the Adelaide to Darwin railway. Residential construction in the region is relatively strong and the region is also home to the Australian Army 1st Brigade, Robertson Barracks.

Palmerston and Litchfield

Supporting Business

- › \$0.81M for services to ensure Territory horticulture produce meets market standards
- › \$0.74M for services to ensure Territory livestock meet domestic and export market standards
- › \$0.65M for the Beatrice Hill and Coastal Plains research farms

Jobs and Training

- › \$6.41M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$1.21M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education programs

Safer Communities

- › \$33.68M for safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- › \$13.6M for police, fire and emergency services including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station and seven volunteer groups, and closed circuit television in Palmerston CBD
- › \$3.34M for safe and secure juvenile detention at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation of young offenders
- › \$1.05M for Palmerston community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.45M for Sex Offender Treatment Programs, Elder Programs for rehabilitation of Indigenous offenders and Remote Communities Corrections Officers Programs
- › \$0.37M to the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation to provide

return to country, information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people

Better Schooling

- › \$44.28M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- › \$14.68M for middle years education at Palmerston and Taminmin high schools
- › \$12.96M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$12.23M for senior secondary education at Palmerston and Taminmin high schools
- › \$9.45M Commonwealth contribution for schools including National Schools Specific Purpose Payments
- › \$4M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$0.98M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$0.84M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$0.65M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.55M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$0.53M for the Back to School payment scheme to assist with the cost of essential school items
- › \$0.46M for early childhood and primary education at Middle Point School
- › \$0.43M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- › \$0.33M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme
- › \$0.3M for Indigenous Education Programs
- › \$0.3M for a range of school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$78.55M for Tiger Brennan Drive – extend from Berrimah Road to the Stuart Highway
- \$59.13M East Arm Wharf – continued works
- \$53.45M to continue works for Rosebery Primary and Middle schools
- \$26.05M Darwin Business Park – new and continuing work
- \$26M for headworks for four new suburbs in Palmerston East
- \$21M for Doug Owston Correctional Centre headworks
- \$11M for Tiger Brennan Drive – Berrimah Road Rail Overpass
- \$10M for the Bellamack Seniors Village
- \$8.67M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works of up to \$3M for each primary and special school
- \$8M to progress the Palmerston GP Super Clinic
- \$6.5M headworks for Rosebery Primary and Middle schools
- \$5.2M to continue headworks for Bellamack
- \$5M for the Palmerston Water Park
- \$4.5M for Jenkins Road – upgrade
- \$4M for Johnston sewerage pump station
- \$4M for the Palmerston boat ramp
- \$3M for Litchfield Road – upgrade and seal 10 km
- \$2.5M for the Common User Area at East Arm – additional hardstand and surfacing
- \$2.1M Palmerston Early Learning and Care Centre
- \$1.9M for continuing works at the Stuart Highway and Deviney Road intersection
- \$1.5M Darwin Business Park – sewer rising main upgrade
- \$1.05M for the National School Pride Program – refurbishments in every school
- \$1M for Coolalinga traffic management improvements
- \$1M for Litchfield National Park to upgrade Buley Rockhole and Florence Falls facilities
- \$1M Defence Support Hub – progress works on intersection and access
- \$1M Girraween/Henning Road for intersection upgrade
- \$1M for a six-bed residential care unit for young people at risk
- \$0.5M for works at the Humpty Doo bus interchange

Better Health

- › \$6.9M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- › \$2M to support services at the Palmerston Health Precinct
- › \$1.02M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$0.96M for additional ambulance services in Palmerston
- › \$0.6M for public library services in Palmerston, Taminmin and Litchfield
- › \$0.4M for wildlife protection across the Top End
- › \$0.36M for pest research and control including buffaloes, pigs, cats, wild dogs, cane toads, horses and donkeys in the Top End
- › \$0.33M for wildfire suppression strategies in the Top End
- › \$0.25M for water allocation planning for the Howard East aquifer in the Darwin Rural area
- › \$0.19M to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- › \$0.1M for advice to landholders on weed management
- › \$50 000 for the management of threatened species

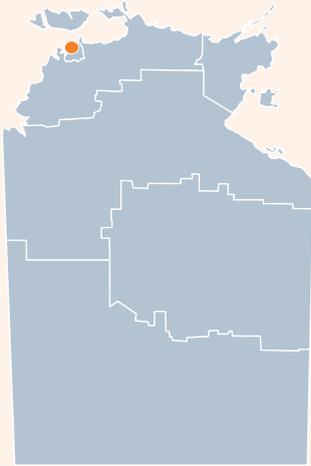
Community Development

- › \$12.6M for home ownership schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$6.08M for the Territory Wildlife Park
- › \$1.2M for advice to landholders on soil erosion, sediment control and effects of land clearing in the Top End
- › \$0.75M to monitor and advise pastoralists on land and grazing conditions in the Top End
- › \$0.62M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns across the Top End
- › \$0.61M for herbarium plant collections and information services





Darwin is the Northern Territory's capital city and the main population and administrative centre, with a population of about 75 200 people. Around 11 per cent are Indigenous, and 35 per cent are aged under 25, with 6 per cent over 65. The population has grown 1.2 per cent over the past five years.

Major industries in Darwin include tourism, government administration, defence and construction. Darwin is the gateway to the very popular Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks. Recreational fishing also contributes a large amount to overall tourism expenditure.

The Northern Territory public sector is a large employer in the region and Darwin is an important centre for defence. Defence bases include the patrol boat base HMAS Coonawarra, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah. Construction activities include large residential apartment blocks, work at the Darwin Waterfront development and residential housing in the new suburb of Lyons.

Darwin

Supporting Business

- › \$1M for the Territory Business Centre to assist businesses with advice and information
- › \$0.69M to Tourism Top End for visitor information services in Darwin and marketing and industry enhancement activities for Darwin, Kakadu and Arnhem Land
- › \$0.44M to manage the Berrimah Farm research facility
- › \$0.15M for the Indigenous Tourism Hub in Darwin, to support emerging Indigenous tourism operators
- › \$0.15M for two Indigenous Tourism Development Officers in the Northern Land Council, to work with traditional owners to develop new tourism products
- › \$0.1M for the Northern Territory Industry Capability Network for forums across the regions to assist businesses identify opportunities from planned major projects
- › \$30 000 for a Territory specific tourism marketing campaign in Korea highlighting Darwin, Alice Springs and Uluru

Jobs and Training

- › \$17.68M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- › \$6.25M for Charles Darwin University tertiary programs and higher education services
- › \$0.77M for Indigenous Response Programs leading to employment

Safer Communities

- › \$174.2M for police, fire, emergency services, one volunteer group and police college and forensic laboratory; also for the further rollout of Safer Streets, expanding and upgrading the police digital radio

network, Police Beats in shopping centres, and CCTV systems in Darwin CBD and Casuarina

- › \$2.6M for land titles, births, deaths and marriage registration and public trustee services
- › \$1.6M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to monitor and supervise adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- › \$0.84M for transit security officers for the Darwin bus network
- › \$0.79M to establish a Family Support Centre to support Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders under the *Youth Justice Act*
- › \$0.65M for Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for return to country, information and referral services to homeless and itinerant people
- › \$0.6M for a community operated night patrol for the Darwin area
- › \$0.57M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence and Victims Become Offenders programs
- › \$0.37M for a new service to provide transitional residential aftercare and out-reach support services after alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation
- › \$95 000 for Regional Justice Project Officers, increasing public safety and reducing alcohol consumption and harm

Better Schooling

- › \$67.97M for primary and early childhood education in 19 schools
- › \$55.78M to assist non-government schools in the region
- › \$34.63M for senior years education in four senior secondary schools
- › \$27.21M for middle years education at six schools
- › \$18.29M Commonwealth contribution for schools including

National Schools Specific Purpose Payments

- › \$14.65M for open learning programs and support for students and teachers in music and language
- › \$8.09M for student and school support including curricula for schools and special needs support
- › \$3.13M for the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution
- › \$1.7M for programs to support students with a disability
- › \$1.4M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- › \$1.38M for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$1.31M for literacy and numeracy programs (Commonwealth contribution)
- › \$1.05M for the Back to School payments for each child
- › \$0.75M for Indigenous Education Programs to improve Indigenous outcomes
- › \$0.43M for a range of school-related initiatives under Closing the Gap
- › \$0.36M for the Territory Student Assistance Travel Scheme

Better Health

- › \$405.38M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services
- › \$312.49M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- › \$0.86M to enhance care for young people with complex needs



Community Development

- › \$11.2M for home ownership schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- › \$0.98M for Weddell Development Plan and detail design criteria
- › \$0.24M for Greater Darwin Region Strategic Land Use Plan

Lifestyle and Environment

- › \$7.13M for art, cultural and history collections at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- › \$2.4M for Leanyer Recreation Park
- › \$1.54M for the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
- › \$1.25M for public libraries in Darwin, Nightcliff, Casuarina and Karama
- › \$1.2M for advice to landholders on potential soil erosion, sediment control and effects of land clearing
- › \$1.13M to collect, preserve and facilitate research through the Northern Territory Archives

- › \$0.83M for the Darwin Festival
- › \$0.7M for the air quality program for the Darwin region
- › \$0.62M for crocodile management, surveys, signage and community awareness campaigns across the Top End
- › \$0.6M for new bus services for Bayview, Cullen Bay and the Waterfront Precinct
- › \$0.46M for greyhound racing
- › \$0.4M for wildlife protection by monitoring trade and increasing community awareness in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield, Top End Rural and East Arnhem
- › \$0.36M for pest research including buffaloes, pigs, cats, wild dogs, cane toads, horses and donkeys across the Top End
- › \$0.33M for wildfire suppression strategies in the Top End
- › \$0.18M for the National Basketball League and Women's Basketball League matches in Darwin



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$21.84M for the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative – for new works up to \$3M for each primary and special school
- \$15.13M to continue Darwin Waterfront development
- \$10.25M for Tiger Brennan Drive – passing lanes and duplication
- \$6M to commence Myilly Point redevelopment
- \$6M for Royal Darwin Hospital – staff accommodation
- \$4.75M for Hidden Valley – infrastructure upgrade and drag strip
- \$3.34M to complete the radiation oncology unit
- \$3M for Dripstone Middle School – new science facilities
- \$2.63M for the National School Pride Program – refurbishments in every school
- \$2.4M for continuing works at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$2.2M for the Wulagi Primary School Early Learning and Care Centre
- \$2M for mental health secure care facilities at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$2M for accommodation for oncology patients and their carers
- \$2M for Capital Cities Projects – landscaping, bus parking and tourist disembarkation points
- \$2M to upgrade classroom facilities at Nakara Primary School
- \$1.5M for Hornibrooks Wharf rehabilitation
- \$1M for improved turning lanes at the Peter McAulay Centre
- \$1M for urban roads landscaping between the airport and Darwin CBD
- \$1M to upgrade classroom facilities at Alawa Primary School
- \$0.9M continue upgrade of classroom facilities at Leanyer School
- \$0.75M to continue to dredge Charles Point Patches
- \$0.68M to strengthen sections of Bagot Road
- \$0.55M to upgrade the public address system at TIO Stadium
- \$0.5M for a modern vessel traffic control system and operation centre at the Fort Hill Wharf building
- \$0.4M to complete assembly area upgrade at Malak Primary School
- \$0.25M for Bagot Road landscaping

- › \$0.15M to support a producer hub theatre initiative at Brown's Mart
- › \$0.15M for the Touring of Indigenous Art project
- › \$0.13M to support a community cultural centre
- › \$0.12M to support the Environment Centre of the Northern Territory
- › \$0.1M for the Junior Ranger program
- › \$95 000 to support the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- › \$90 000 to support the Rapid Creek Environment Hub
- › \$75 000 for the management of threatened species
- › \$60 000 to develop joint park management arrangements with traditional owners
- › \$50 000 for Cool Community initiatives
- › \$55 000 for research and improving public awareness of exotic ants across the Top End
- › \$52 000 for snake removal in areas where they may threaten human safety in Darwin and surrounds
- › \$30 000 to share traditional knowledge on biodiversity



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