

Regional Highlights



Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and programs in the 2011-12 Budget for the seven Territory regions.

This book 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 all regions.

Important infrastructure projects are identified for each region as well as on a Territory-wide basis, with those relevant to Working Future highlighted.

Where Commonwealth funding is provided from National Partnership agreements and can be used flexibly, it is included under the title of the relevant agreement.

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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Territory-wide



Some initiatives 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.

Supporting Business

- \$30.1M for tourism marketing of the Northern Territory
- \$5.3M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$3.5M to provide access and security of tenure for exploration, mining, petroleum and geothermal activities
- \$1.74M to provide quality-assured veterinary laboratory pathology and virology services to support diagnostic and research programs, and regulatory requirements in terrestrial and aquatic animal health and production
- \$1.6M to support plant industries with entomology, plant pathology and agricultural chemistry services
- \$1.2M to complete Business Online Systems, a one-stop, on-line service for Territory businesses for business registrations, licences and other government-provided services
- \$0.8M to increase exploration drilling and geophysics in greenfield areas of the Territory through the Geophysics and Drilling Collaboration program under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$0.55M to prepare for an all-hazards response to diseases, invasive animals and plants, or pests affecting agriculture or the environment
- \$0.4M for ecoBiz NT, a business energy efficiency program to improve environmental outcomes and reduce costs for local businesses
- \$0.39M to develop climate-resilient business models and management practices to assist the pastoral industry
- \$0.35M for domestic marketing support for airlines servicing the Territory
- \$0.3M to increase and improve pastoral producers' stock-watering facilities
- \$0.27M to increase productivity, sustainability and market opportunities for horticultural industries
- \$0.27M for Upskills workshops, providing practical hands-on information for new ideas or refreshing existing skills
- \$0.22M to facilitate Indigenous pastoral development across the Territory through the Indigenous Pastoral Program
- \$0.19M for October Business Month to provide a program of events, to deliver new business management ideas and opportunities for professional development



- \$0.18M to the Business Enterprise Centre to support and advise those starting, expanding or buying a business
- \$0.15M to support commercial enterprises in developing sustainable broadacre cropping systems
- \$0.15M for the Territory Business Growth program to deliver development grants to regional small to medium enterprises

Jobs and Training

- \$24.39M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training, and higher education
- \$10M for the Shires Funding Package to improve Indigenous employment opportunities in shires, including a \$1.6M contribution from the Commonwealth
- \$1.2M to deliver the Northern Territory Public Sector apprenticeships program, employing up to 140 apprentices per year, including 40 school-based apprentices
- \$1M to support training and development opportunities for Northern Territory Public Sector employees in remote localities
- \$0.72M to continue the Skilled Worker Campaign and operate the Workforce NT Growth Unit, to attract skilled labour from around Australia and overseas to the Territory
- \$0.5M to deliver the Northern Territory Public Sector Entry Level Indigenous Employment Program, employing up to 80 Indigenous recruits

Safer Communities

- \$25.2M to reform child protection and create new child protection and family support systems

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$101.9M to repair and maintain roads across the Territory
- \$14M for National Network road strengthening and widening
- \$6M for National Network road safety infrastructure
- \$5M to provide overtaking opportunities on the Stuart Highway between Darwin and Katherine
- \$4.6M for the Roads to Recovery program
- \$3.04M to construct new renal facilities in the Top End
- \$3M for traffic management improvements on urban arterial roads
- \$3M for National Network flood immunity improvements
- \$2.3M to construct new and refurbish existing public housing stock as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan
- \$2M for pavement strengthening and widening of rural arterial roads

- \$5.7M as part of the \$67M five year Enough is Enough Alcohol Reform to tackle alcohol abuse and related crime
- \$4.5M for payments to victims of crime
- \$2.6M for land titles, births, deaths and marriage registration and public trustee
- \$1.4M for the Child Abuse Taskforce to expand the Central Intake Team after-hours services
- \$1.35M to fund the Alice Springs and Darwin-based Secure Care facilities
- \$1.2M for implementation of a Public Housing Safety Strategy to address antisocial behaviour and improve safety of tenants in public housing complexes

- \$2M for urban roads landscaping
- \$2M for upgrades to priority beef secondary roads
- \$1.7M for additional beds to support Alcohol and Other Drugs Services
- \$1M for pavement strengthening of secondary and local roads
- \$1M for the Black Spot Program
- \$1M for recreational fishing infrastructure including boat ramps, toilets and parking
- \$1M for the Green Streetscape program

Working Future

- \$5M to construct additional government employee housing in remote locations
- \$3.5M to upgrade safe places in 15 remote communities
- \$3M to upgrade priority government employee housing in remote locations
- \$3M for cyclone shelter upgrades to selected shelters and schools

- \$1.18M for the Crimes Victims Services Unit to administer Crimes Victims Assistance Scheme applications
- \$0.78M for coronial and related services
- \$0.6M to develop and deliver community education materials regarding family violence and its impact on children in remote communities
- \$0.5M for Regional Management Plans and the development of alcohol management plans to decrease alcohol consumption and reduce alcohol-related harms
- \$0.42M for the Community Court to involve the community and the victim in the criminal court process

- \$0.4M to expand the provision of sexual assault support services across the Territory, including the Katherine Sexual Assault Referral Centre to support professionals to respond appropriately to victims of sexual assault
- \$0.37M for the Community Justice Centre fast and free dispute resolution service
- \$0.2M to Victims of Crime NT to provide support and assistance to victims of crime, including cleaning up or repairing locks after a crime has occurred
- \$0.2M for Alcohol Education and Awareness to support social marketing campaigns in local communities to address alcohol-related harm by promoting the responsible consumption of alcohol

Better Schooling

- \$2.85M for regionalisation of school support and management services
- \$1.18M to provide additional classroom support officers for transition classes
- \$0.85M for stage 1 implementation of the national curriculum

Better Health

- \$16.6M for the Pensioner Concession scheme
- \$5.2M to expand existing treatment options and establish new services to treat people with significant alcohol problems as part of the \$67M five year Enough is Enough Alcohol Reform
- \$1.19M to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies through analytical testing in laboratories
- \$1.1M for Indigenous patients treated for chronic disease to

receive coordinated patient care from hospital through to their communities

- 0.84M to continue enhancements of disability services

Community Development

- \$4.4M to support the homeless by providing managed accommodation
- \$3.4M to provide BuildBonus grants of \$10 000 for home buyers who build or purchase newly-built homes up to the value of \$530 000
- \$3M to support various community organisations across the Territory through the multicultural and community support grants program
- \$1.85M to support regional and Indigenous economic development through job creation and business growth in towns and regional areas
- \$1.3M to construct additional social housing to support families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness

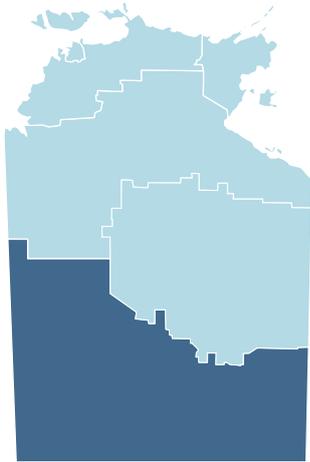
Lifestyle and Environment

- \$12.1M to the thoroughbred racing industry to assist in the conduct of racing meetings and maintenance of facilities across the Territory
- \$6.9M to support the Northern Territory Major Events Company
- \$2.6M for the sustainable management of the Territory's aquatic resources
- \$2.11M for grant programs under the Community Benefit Fund for community grants, gambling amelioration and gambling research
- \$2.1M in additional funding for improved conservation in parks, and Indigenous employment and education outcomes
- \$1.95M to ensure that active mining operations (including

exploration and extractive sites) operate in an approved manner that provides effective protection of the surrounding environment

- \$1.6M to lead the implementation of the Northern Territory Climate Change Policy, energy security and green energy initiatives
- \$1.32M to bring AFL matches to the Territory
- \$1.29M to the Environment Protection Authority to establish frameworks for environment protection and the sustainable development of the Territory
- \$1M to maintain publicly-owned heritage places
- \$1M for remote community sport and recreation programs under the Closing the Gap program
- \$0.8M for environmental compliance initiatives of port operations, licensing and compliance regime
- \$0.75M for additional support to Bushfires NT volunteers and brigades
- \$0.72M for EnvironmeNT Grants to community organisations, local governments and schools to rethink waste, conserve water, manage weed and feral animals, and for other environmental programs
- \$0.6M for Territory Eco-link, linking parks and conservation areas
- \$0.49M to further develop, implement and administer a Container Deposit Scheme
- \$0.34M to support artistic work created to enhance public spaces
- \$0.1M for community engagement in NRL games
- \$75 000 for Crocwise public awareness program

Central Australia



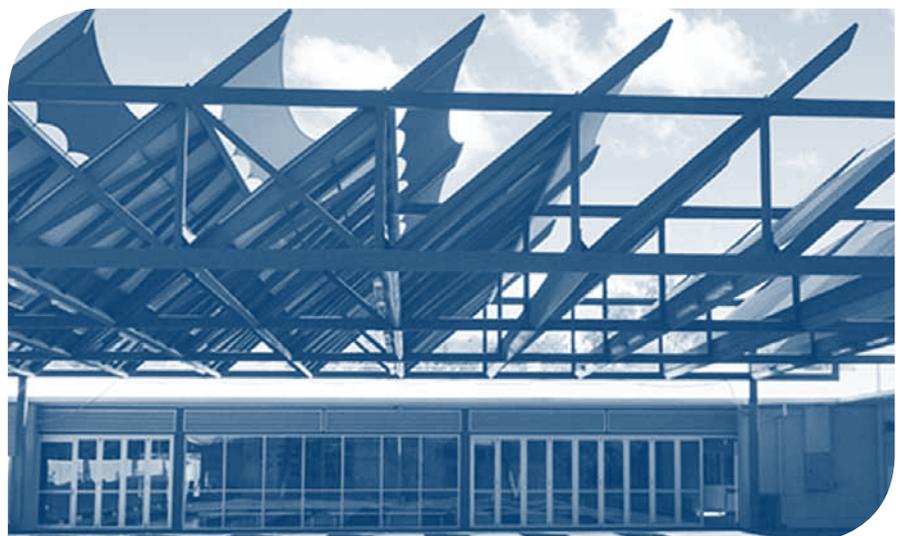
The Central Australian region, which occupies 41 per cent of the Territory's land area, is home to 18 per cent of the Territory's population. As at 30 June 2010, there were about 41 270 people living in the region, 41 per cent of whom were Indigenous. The region has a relatively young population, with 39 per cent aged 24 years or less and 5 per cent aged over 65 years. Alice Springs, the main centre in the region, has a population of about 28 000.

The main industries in the central 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 about 20 per cent of the Territory's \$251 million industry in 2009-10. A substantial amount of the Territory's gold, and all its onshore oil and gas, are also sourced from the region.

Tourist attractions in the central region include Uluru Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and the West MacDonnell Ranges. Continued marketing to increase awareness of the Centre's natural attractions will support the level of tourism-related economic activity, while the Indigenous arts and culture industry is an important source of Indigenous employment.

Supporting Business

- \$2M for the Territory Discoveries call centre providing tourism bookings and information on behalf of operators across the Territory
- \$1.4M for the Global Red Centre (Get CeNTred) marketing campaign leveraging from the National Landscapes program and stimulating demand for holidays in Central Australia
- \$0.75M to Tourism Central Australia for visitor information services in Alice Springs and marketing/industry enhancement activities for Alice Springs, Uluru and Barkly
- \$0.6M for research and extension into rangeland management and animal production for improved pastoral industry profitability and sustainability
- \$0.35M for Territory Business Centres to provide business advice and information
- \$0.35M to the Alice Springs Convention Centre to assist marketing to interstate and international delegates
- \$0.33M to support the trade of animals and animal products by maintaining national and internationally acceptable standards for animal health assurance
- \$0.3M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$0.3M to evaluate new table grape varieties and improve water use efficiency for producers in the central arid region
- \$0.27M to support the import and export of plants and plant products by maintaining acceptable standards for plant health nationally and internationally
- \$0.23M to operate the Arid Zone Research Institute and Ti Tree Research Farm
- \$0.16M to investigate and develop new technology that integrates precision animal data with spatial information for more efficient pastoral management
- \$0.14M to operate Old Man Plains Research Station
- \$0.11M to evaluate commercial opportunities of water re-use from urban and commercial waste in horticultural production systems
- \$70 000 for the Indigenous Tourism Hub in Alice Springs
- \$47 000 for destination visitor surveys in 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
- \$0.33M for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment opportunities for Indigenous Territorians in regional and remote communities
- \$0.25M to support the business and skilled migration and small business workforce planning programs

Safer Communities

- \$47.5M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the Alice Springs region including a Police Beat, 10 police stations and a further six police stations established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response at Finke, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Mutitjulu, Nyirippi and Santa Teresa, and two fire stations and 24 volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$30.88M for safe and secure custodial services at Alice Springs Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders

- \$3.78M 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
- \$2.7M for Alice Springs community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$1.21M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence, and Elder and Remote Communities Corrections Officers programs
- \$0.86M to provide a safe and secure juvenile holding facility at Aranda House
- \$0.73M to deliver driver offender programs
- \$0.3M for land titles, births, deaths and marriage registration and public trustee
- \$0.27M to provide health screening of detainees in watch-houses
- \$0.24M for Indigenous and regional consumer and tenancy awareness and protection

- \$0.2M for the provision of the Family Group Conferencing Pilot Program by the Community Justice Centre to provide Indigenous families in Alice Springs with a mediation conference service
- \$0.12M for delivery of treatment services to Justice clients in Alice Springs including alcohol and other drugs treatment
- \$0.1M for the Regional Justice Project and Coordination Officer to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to increase public safety in urban areas

Better Schooling

- \$103.06M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$3.76M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air and distance education
- \$2.89M for early childhood programs including Childcare Subsidy and Families as First Teachers
- \$2.54M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National



Partnership agreements with the Commonwealth

- \$1.94M for provision of school buses and transport for students with special needs
- \$0.57M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student
- \$0.5M to provide wraparound services for Alice Springs schools to improve student attendance, engagement and participation as part of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan

Better Health

- \$238.6M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services, with \$143M for the Alice Springs Hospital
- \$165.5M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$6.8M to enhance secure services for adults and young people with complex care needs
- \$0.7M for Alice Springs Hospital to continue the implementation of a coordinated approach to patient care from hospital through to their communities for Indigenous patients treated for chronic disease, including ear, nose and throat conditions

Community Development

- \$15.9M for continuation of the Territory and Commonwealth-funded \$61M Alice Springs Transformation Plan, to enhance social support services and implement measures to reduce homelessness
- \$8.4M for management of urban public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$5M for HOMESTART NT scheme to assist low to middle-income earners to purchase a home

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- \$35.2M for continuing fire protection, airconditioning and remediation works at Alice Springs Hospital
- \$20.5M for construction of the new Alice Springs Hospital emergency department
- \$5.6M for Yulara Power Station replacement of gas generator engines past their economic life
- \$5M for Alice Springs CBD revitalisation
- \$4.5M for installation of a chilled water airconditioner at Araluen Arts Centre
- \$3.8M for continuing works to deliver 18 two-bedroom units at the Larapinta Seniors Village
- \$3.6M for boarding accommodation for middle years and senior college students under the Youth Action Plan
- \$3.5M for headworks to develop the new Alice Springs suburb of Kilgariff
- \$1.5M for Acacia Hill School, stage 3 upgrades

- \$4.5M for municipal and essential services for outstations
- \$3.3M for management of government employee housing and services including private head leasing
- \$1.22M to manage the Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park, a short-term accommodation facility
- \$0.35M to continue the second year of the regional area bus trials
- \$0.27M to manage Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
- \$0.12M to provide grassroots Indigenous business support

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$5.85M for the Alice Springs Desert Park

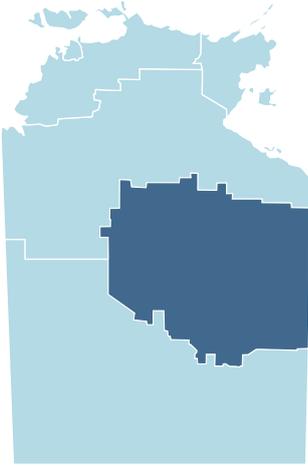
- \$1.48M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution
- \$1.36M to continue the upgrade of teaching and learning areas at Ross Park Primary School
- \$1.18M to upgrade Gillen, Larapinta, Sadadeen and Ross Park Primary Schools as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools
- \$1.1M for the Alice Springs Youth Hub at the ANZAC Hill campus

Working Future

- \$66.7M for Indigenous housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program, and essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns
- \$2M to upgrade Tanami Road
- \$1.19M to continue upgrading the Ntaria School in Hermannsburg

- \$1M for management of feral camel impacts
- \$0.25M for the Water Tank Rebate Scheme to encourage water preservation
- \$0.16M to support Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
- \$0.12M for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Alice Springs region
- \$0.12M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- \$75 000 to run the Finke Desert Race
- \$10 000 for the Harts Range race meetings

Barkly



The Barkly region covers approximately 24 per cent of the land area of the Territory and extends along the Stuart Highway from Barrow Creek to Elliott and east across the Barkly Tableland to Queensland. As at 30 June 2010, the population of the region is estimated to be 8130, of whom 65 per cent are Indigenous. The main centre in the region is Tennant Creek, with a population of about 3560. A high proportion of people living in the region are young, with 44 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 5 per cent over the age of 65. Pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy.

Manganese production from the Bootu Creek mine, which commenced in mid-2006, has added to regional economic activity and employment opportunities. The Barkly and Tennant Creek pastoral district accounts for about 30 per cent of the Territory's total cattle industry.

Supporting Business

- \$0.39M to support the trade of animals and animal products by maintaining national and internationally acceptable standards for animal health assurance
- \$0.3M for research and extension into rangeland management and animal production for improved pastoral industry profitability and sustainability
- \$0.2M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$90 000 to Tennant Creek Foundation for visitor and information services
- \$80 000 for Territory Business Centres to provide business advice and information

Jobs and Training

- \$5M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.15M for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment opportunities for Indigenous Territorians of working age in regional and remote communities

Safer Communities

- \$10.18M for the provision of police, fire and emergency services in the Barkly region, including four police stations and a further two police stations established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response at Alpurrurulam and Willowra, one fire station and eight volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$3.1M for the operations of the new 50-bed prisoner work camp at Tennant Creek
- \$1.04M for Tennant Creek community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.43M 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
- \$0.1M for Indigenous Family Violence, and Elders and Remote Communities Corrections Officer Programs
- \$0.1M for the Regional Justice Project and Coordination Officer to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to increase public safety in urban areas



Better Schooling

- \$39.18M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$3.14M for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers
- \$0.54M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National Partnership agreements with the Commonwealth
- \$0.11M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student

Better Health

- \$13.7M for acute care services, patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services including \$13.3M for Tennant Creek Hospital
- \$5.7M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- \$2.1M for construction of the Ampilatjatja power line connection to the Arlparra electricity grid
- \$1.71M for Tennant Creek Power Station replacement of gas generator engines which have passed their economic life
- \$1.6M to manage government employee housing and services including private head leasing
- \$1.27M for municipal and essential services for outstations

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$3.3M for the final stage of fire safety upgrades at Tennant Creek Hospital
- \$3.18M to continue to upgrade Tennant Creek Police Station, including expanded office accommodation and a new forensic room
- \$2M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution
- \$0.25M to complete the multipurpose sports facility at Tennant Creek High School

Working Future

- \$9.4M for a new multi-purpose police station and officer accommodation at Arlparra
- \$2.6M for Indigenous housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing

- \$1.3M for management of urban public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$0.2M for HOMESTART NT scheme to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.19M for the second year of regional area bus trials
- \$0.12M to provide grassroots Indigenous business support

and Infrastructure Program and for essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns

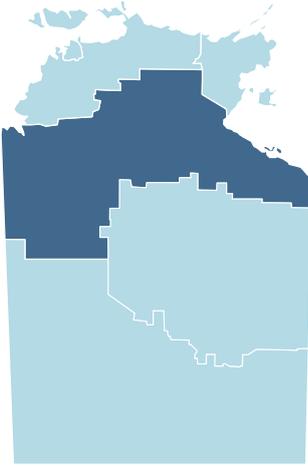
- \$2.5M to upgrade the Canteen Creek airstrip to provide near all-weather operations
- \$2M to upgrade the Utopia airstrip to provide near all-weather operations
- \$1.41M to continue the delivery of new facilities at Elliott School
- \$0.72M to continue the Sandover Highway upgrade and seal 7 kilometres to the Urapuntja Health Centre turnoff
- \$0.41M for continued works to improve access to renal facilities
- \$0.3M to upgrade Alpururulam Primary School as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.23M to monitor surface and groundwater to assess mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- \$0.14M for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Katherine and Barkly regions
- \$10 000 for Brunette Downs race meetings



Katherine



The Katherine region extends from the Ord Bonaparte area in the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the east. The town of Katherine is the main centre with a population of about 10 100. As at 30 June 2010, the region had a population of about 19 600 people, 54 per cent of whom were Indigenous. About 46 per cent of the population were aged 24 years and under, and 4 per cent were aged 65 years and over. Industries in the region include tourism, mixed farming, horticulture, pastoralism and mining.

The McArthur River mine near Borroloola is one of the world's largest providers of zinc in bulk concentrate form. In recent years there have been large plantings of rockmelons and other melons in the region and production has risen.

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 the Kimberley region. RAAF Base Tindal is also located in the region. Tourist attractions in the Katherine region include Nitmiluk Gorge, Leliyn (Edith Falls) and Mataranka where visitors can experience a pristine natural environment.

Supporting Business

- \$0.95M for research into rangeland management and animal production for improved pastoral industry profitability and sustainability
- \$0.89M to increase productivity, sustainability and market opportunities for the mango and other horticultural industries
- \$0.55M to operate Victoria River Research Station
- \$0.54M to operate Katherine Research Station
- \$0.46M to support the trade of animals and animal products by maintaining national and internationally acceptable standards for animal health assurance
- \$0.31M to increase the uptake of sustainable cropping practices for current and new agricultural enterprises
- \$0.27M to support the import and export of plants and plant products by maintaining acceptable standards for plant health nationally and internationally
- \$0.29M to Katherine Town Council for visitor information services
- \$0.28M for Territory Business Centres to provide business advice and services
- \$0.1M for a local Tourism Industry Development Officer

- \$0.2M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery

Jobs and Training

- \$8M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.44M for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment opportunities for Indigenous Territorians of working age in regional and remote communities

Safer Communities

- \$24.87M for the provision of police, fire and emergency services in the Katherine region, including a Police Beat, nine police stations and a further two police stations established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response at Minyerri and Yarralin, one fire station and 19 volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$1.8M for Katherine community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$1.7M for delivery of treatment services to Justice clients in



Katherine including alcohol and other drug treatment

- \$1.13M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkarindji, Borroloola and Lajamanu. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Katherine
- \$0.58M for Indigenous Family Violence, and Elders and Remote Communities Corrections Officer Programs
- \$0.27M to provide health screening of detainees in watch-houses
- \$0.18M for the Witness Assistance Services office in Katherine
- \$0.1M for the Regional Justice Project and Coordination Officer to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to increase public safety in urban areas

Better Schooling

- \$71.42M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$4.04M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air and distance education
- \$2.65M for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers
- \$1.44M for provision of school buses and transport for students with special needs
- \$0.81M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National Partnership Agreements with the Commonwealth
- \$0.31M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student

Better Health

- \$31.6M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$6M for a new high-level bridge over King River on the Stuart Highway to improve flood immunity
- \$3.32M to continue construction of a high-level bridge over Cullen River on the Stuart Highway
- \$2.84M to continue the upgrade and expansion of existing renal facilities at Katherine District Hospital and associated renal services
- \$1.2M to upgrade Borroloola, Clyde Fenton, Kalkaringi and MacFarlane Schools as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools
- \$0.34M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution

aero-retrieval transport services provided through Katherine Hospital

- \$17.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region

Community Development

- \$5M to extend the operational life of gas turbines at Katherine Power Station
- \$3.74M for municipal and essential services for outstations
- \$2.6M for management of urban public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$2.2M for management of government employee housing and services including private head leasing
- \$1.6M for HOMESTART NT scheme to assist low to middle-income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.42M to manage Crown land including weeds and associated buildings

Working Future

- \$39M for Indigenous housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program and for essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns
- \$2.5M to upgrade and seal the Yarralin airstrip
- \$2.3M to upgrade Lajamanu airstrip
- \$1.1M to upgrade the primary school and administration area at Kalkarindji School
- \$0.65M for upgrades at Jilkminggan and Ngukurr region health centres
- \$0.6M to complete stages 1 and 2 upgrades of the Buntine Highway
- \$0.2M to complete construction of the single-lane bridge over Jasper Creek on the Buchanan Highway

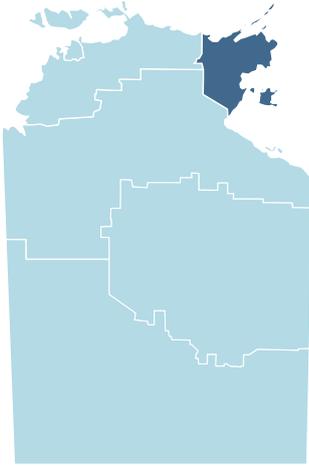
- \$0.29M to continue the second year of the regional area bus passenger trials

- \$0.12M to provide grassroots Indigenous business support

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.38M to support public library services
- \$0.18M for the Marine Ranger Program including financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection and community education
- \$0.17M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- \$0.14M for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Katherine and Barkly regions

East Arnhem



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

As at 30 June 2010, the East Arnhem region had a population of about 16 250, of whom 65 per cent were Indigenous. The main centre, Nhulunbuy, has a population of around 4960 people. The region's population is relatively young and dispersed, with 44 per cent aged 24 years and under and about 2.2 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Mining production is the main economic activity in the region, including alumina/bauxite production on the Gove Peninsula and manganese on Groote Eylandt. Major expansion works at the Rio Tinto Alcan refinery at Gove have significantly increased alumina production. The GEMCO mine on Groote Eylandt has completed expansion of its manganese processing plant.

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

Jobs and Training

- \$6.81M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$0.59M for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment for Indigenous Territorians of working age in regional and remote communities

Safer Communities

- \$11.44M for provision of police, fire and emergency services in the region, including two police stations and two more police stations established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response at Bulman and Numbulwar and one fire station and 13 volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$0.56M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.55M for Courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy, Numbulwar, and Galiwin'ku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy

- \$0.1M for the Regional Justice Project and Coordination Officer to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to increase public safety in urban areas

Better Schooling

- \$81.98M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$6.2M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National Partnership agreements with the Commonwealth
- \$3.67M for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers
- \$0.56M for provision of school buses and transport for students with special needs
- \$0.31M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student

Better Health

- \$22.5M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services, with \$22.3M for Gove District Hospital
- \$17.7M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$2M for the Territory Government's contribution to the Umbakumba Health Clinic



- \$0.3M for upgrades to Numbulwar Health Centre
- \$0.25M for mortuary redevelopment in Nhulunbuy
- \$0.22M for upgrades to dental surgeries in Nhulunbuy

Community Development

- \$2.7M to manage government employee housing and services including private head leasing
- \$2M for municipal and essential services for outstations
- \$1.1M for management of public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$0.5M to establish an East Arnhem Indigenous Fisheries Network to coordinate, mentor and train Indigenous people in commercial fishing, aquaculture and fisheries-related business
- \$0.31M for the second year of regional area bus trials
- \$0.12M to provide grassroots Indigenous business support

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.4M for the Indigenous Ranger Group Development Program for an extra ranger each year from 2007 in Galiwin'ku, Laynhapuy Homelands, Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$3.73M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution
- \$1.29M to continue construction of six two-bedroom staff accommodation units at Gove District Hospital
- \$0.37M to complete fire upgrades at Gove District Hospital

Working Future

- \$65.6M for Indigenous housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program, and essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns
- \$17.17M for continued upgrading and sealing of the road from Angurugu to Umbakumba
- \$15.15M to continue construction of multi-purpose police stations, residential housing and visiting

- \$0.25M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- \$0.18M for the Marine Ranger Program including financial and training support to Indigenous

officer quarters at Gapuwiyak and Ramingining

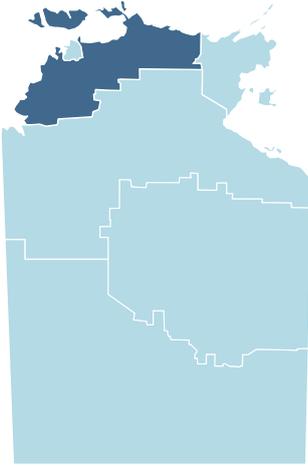
- \$12.8M for continued stream crossing upgrades at Goyder River, Donydji Creek and Mainoru Creek and targeted pavement upgrades on Central Arnhem Road
- \$2M to upgrade Gapuwiyak barge landing
- \$0.6M for the VET Infrastructure for Indigenous People Program delivered with Building the Education Revolution projects in four Laynhapuy Homelands
- \$0.45M to complete the upgrade of Oenpelli Health Centre
- \$0.3M to upgrade Milingimbi School as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools
- \$0.21M to complete the Angurugu School upgrade to classrooms and home economics building

communities, monitoring of illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection and community education

- \$0.24M for water allocation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Darwin and East Arnhem regions



Top End Rural



The Top End Rural region encompasses many small communities and covers the area south of Palmerston and Litchfield, the Tiwi Islands, east to East Arnhem and south to the Katherine region. As at 30 June 2010, about 16 900 people live in the region, 71 per cent of whom are Indigenous. The region's population is relatively young, with 44 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only 4 per cent 65 years and older. 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, gold from the Crocodile gold mine near Pine Creek and iron ore transported by rail from the Frances Creek mine to the Port of Darwin for export. Development of the Eni Blacktip gas field has provided employment in the region during the construction of the onshore gas treatment plant near Wadeye and connecting pipelines to deliver gas from the Bonaparte basin in the Timor Sea to Darwin.

Tourist attractions in the region include the Litchfield and Kakadu national parks, as well as the Daly River for recreational fishing. Other important industries in the region include horticulture and agriculture supported by the Coastal Plains and the Douglas Daly research farms.

Supporting Business

- \$1.6M for the Global Kakadu marketing campaign stimulating demand for holidays in the Top End and promoting access through Darwin
- \$0.91M for direct operating costs for the Douglas Daly Research Farm
- \$0.4M for research into improved genetics and reproduction to improve performance in cattle and buffalo
- \$0.3M to provide new generation geoscience data and promote investment under Bringing Forward Discovery
- \$0.29M to develop a strategic plan and implementation activities in collaboration with Indigenous partners that will provide sustainable small and large scale horticultural and forestry development
- \$0.26M to provide technical advice to producers for improved pasture management and cattle production
- \$0.16M to work with industry to maintain and expand markets for Territory cattle into South-East Asia
- \$40 000 to enhance hardwood forestry opportunities for the semi-arid tropics

- \$30 000 to increase the uptake of sustainable cropping practices for current and new agricultural enterprises

Jobs and Training

- \$6.15M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$60 000 for the Indigenous Training Employment Program to support employment for Indigenous Territorians of working age in regional and remote communities

Safer Communities

- \$9.44M for the provision of police, fire and emergency services in the Top End Rural region, including nine police stations and a further three police stations established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response at Minjilang, Peppimenarti and Waruwi, one fire station and 22 volunteer groups (fire and emergency)
- \$0.37M 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



- \$0.2M for Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Islands community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community

Better Schooling

- \$42.62M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$3.4M for school buses and transport for students with special needs
- \$1.12M for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers
- \$0.33M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National Partnership agreements with the Commonwealth
- \$0.17M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student

Better Health

- \$46M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.3M for extensions to Maningrida Health Centre
- \$0.18M to provide a generator at Warruwi Health Centre
- \$0.16M to provide a generator at Palumpa Health Centre

- \$0.16M to provide a generator at Peppimenarti Health Centre

Community Development

- \$0.5M to manage Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
- \$0.18M for installation of a sewage treatment plant at Douglas Daly Research Station

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$3.53M to rehabilitate the former uranium mining areas at Rum Jungle
- \$0.73M to monitor surface and groundwater for assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- \$0.7M to rehabilitate and protect Mary River freshwater wetlands
- \$0.32M for construction of a new boat shed and installation of an eyewash facility at Black Point to meet occupational health and safety requirements
- \$0.15M to install sluiceways at Fogg Dam
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program including financial and training support to Indigenous communities, monitoring of illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection and community education

Infrastructure Highlights

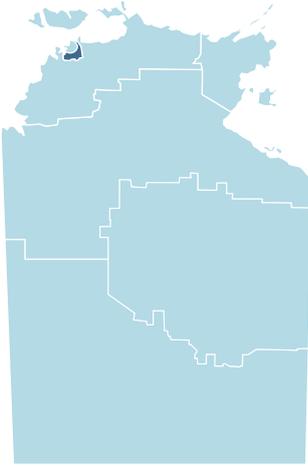
- \$6.25M for targeted upgrades on the Arnhem Highway
- \$5M to upgrade and seal selected stream crossings on Fog Bay Road

Working Future

- \$85.1M for Indigenous housing under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program and for essential services infrastructure in Territory Growth Towns
- \$21.5M to continue the upgrade of Port Keats Road including a new high-level bridge
- \$17.8M to construct a new gas-fired power station at Wadeye
- \$0.69M to complete the upgrade of the Minjilang (Croker Island) aerodrome to provide all-weather capability
- \$0.43M to complete the refurbishment of classrooms and teacher preparation areas at Maningrida School
- \$0.3M to upgrade Nganmariyanga School as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools



Palmerston and Litchfield



Palmerston and Litchfield is the fastest growing area of the Territory, with 2.7 per cent population growth in Palmerston in 2009-10. As at 30 June 2010, an estimated 50 240 people were living in the region, with 30 830 people residing in Palmerston. About 11.5 per cent of the region's population are Indigenous. The region has a relatively young population overall, with about 39 per cent of the population aged 24 years and under, and only 4.5 per cent of the population aged 65 years and over.

Industries in the Palmerston and Litchfield region include aquaculture, horticulture, cattle and crocodile farming, defence, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and helium production. Mango production is 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 terminals for the Adelaide to Darwin railway. Residential construction in the region continues to strengthen with the development of the new suburbs of Bellamack, Johnston and Zuccoli. The region is also home to the Australian Army 1st Brigade at Robertson Barracks.

Supporting Business

- \$4M to facilitate major economic development projects including the Ichthys LNG Project and the Marine Supply Base
- \$0.81M to support the import and export of plants and plant products by maintaining acceptable standards for plant health nationally and internationally
- \$0.75M to support the trade of animals and animal products by maintaining national and internationally acceptable standards for animal health assurance
- \$0.62M to increase productivity, sustainability and market opportunities for the tropical fruit and vegetable industries
- \$0.6M to increase productivity, sustainability and market opportunities for the mango industry
- \$0.32M to operate the Beatrice Hill Research Farm
- \$0.3M to operate Coastal Plains Research Farm
- \$0.22M to increase sustainability development and market opportunities for the amenity horticulture and lifestyle industries

Jobs and Training

- \$7.38M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training and higher education

Safer Communities

- \$38.32M to provide safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$15.77M for the provision of police, fire and emergency services in the Palmerston and Litchfield region

including one police station, one Police Beat, two fire stations and nine volunteer groups (fire and emergency)

- \$5.24M to provide a safe and secure juvenile detention service at Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$3.78M for Palmerston community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$1.67M for Sex Offender Treatment, Indigenous Family Violence, and Elder and Remote Communities Corrections Officers programs
- \$0.7M to establish an Engagement Centre at Palmerston Senior College for disengaged youth
- \$0.4M for Enhanced Support for Children in Care – a 24-hour, 7-day 'hands-on' support service to assist carers
- \$0.3M to develop a response for young people at risk of homelessness in the Palmerston area
- \$0.1M to recruit an Aboriginal Support Worker to assist Family Support Centres to build cultural security into policy and practice
- \$91 000 for the Palmerston Information and Referral Office, to complement intervention and case management services delivery in Palmerston

Better Schooling

- \$108.17M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$8.49M for provision of school buses and transport for students with special needs

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$27M to commence headworks for the new Doug Owston Correctional Facility
- \$20.3M to continue headworks for new suburbs in Palmerston East
- \$12.57M to continue construction of the new Palmerston Water Park including a six-lane super racer slide
- \$9.65M to complete the Tiger Brennan Drive extension, including the Berrimah Road rail overpass
- \$6.1M to complete construction of the new Palmerston rugby league facility
- \$6M to continue upgrading and sealing Jenkins Road
- \$3.3M to continue construction of new courts at the Palmerston tennis

and netball facility including lighting and a clubhouse

- \$3M for a new special education centre at Taminmin College
- \$2.89M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution
- \$2.8M to upgrade and construct access roads to the Palmerston Water Park
- \$2.5M to continue upgrades at Howard Springs Nature Park
- \$2.3M to further upgrade soccer pitches, construct grandstand seating and a clubhouse at the Palmerston soccer facility

- \$1.5M to upgrade Bakewell, Driver, Durack, Gray and Woodroffe primary schools as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools
- \$0.45M for management of sporting and other infrastructure at Fred's Pass Reserve
- \$1.29M as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness to construct new housing in Bellamack for families at risk of homelessness
- \$1M to commence siteworks for the Litchfield swimming pool
- \$1M to upgrade Palmerston Senior College facilities for special education classes

- \$3.57M for early childhood programs including Families as First Teachers
- \$0.59M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student
- \$0.14M for the Strong Start Bright Futures program as part of National Partnership agreements with the Commonwealth

Better Health

- \$3.9M for non-acute health and community services in the region including \$2.5M for the Palmerston Urgent Care After Hours Clinic and Palmerston Super Clinic

Community Development

- \$13.4M for HOMESTART NT scheme to assist low to middle-income earners to purchase a home
- \$8.5M for management of urban public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$2.01M for southern trunk sewer replacement to ensure adequate sewerage transfer capacity to meet increasing demand in Palmerston
- \$1.91M for an additional electricity transformer to provide back-up capacity

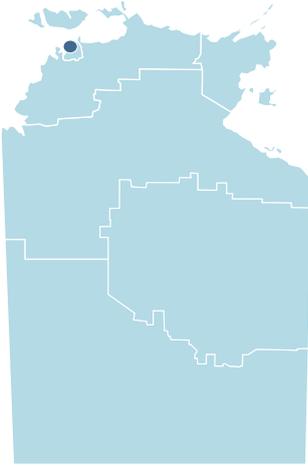
- \$1.34M to manage Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
- \$0.95M to progress the development of the new town of Weddell

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$7.71M for Territory Wildlife Park
- \$1.5M to improve park facilities at Territory Wildlife Park
- \$0.81M for infrastructure works at Fred's Pass Reserve
- \$0.2M for new infrastructure for Tolmer Falls and Buley Rockhole at Litchfield National Park



Darwin



Darwin is the Territory's capital city and the main population and administrative centre. As at 30 June 2010, about 77 300 people lived in Darwin, 10 per cent of whom were Indigenous. Although having a relatively young population, with 34 per cent aged 24 years and under, Darwin also had the highest proportion of population aged over 65 years of the Territory regions, at 7 per cent. Over the last five years Darwin has experienced moderately strong population growth of 1.8 per cent with particularly strong growth in the inner city and suburbs of Bayview, Woolner and Lyons.

Major industries in Darwin include tourism, government administration, defence and construction. In addition to its own tourist attractions, Darwin is also the gateway to 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 with a number of bases. These include the patrol boat base HMAS Coonawarra, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah.

Supporting Business

- \$1.19M for Territory Business Centres to provide business advice and information
- \$0.8M to Tourism Top End for visitor information services in Darwin, and marketing and industry enhancement activities for Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine and Arnhem Land
- \$0.6M for international marketing support for the Jetstar Hub
- \$0.44M to operate the Berrimah Farm Research Facility
- \$0.17M for Business Development Grant funding to regional small to medium enterprises
- \$91 000 for the Indigenous Tourism Hub in Darwin
- \$47 000 for destination visitor surveys in Darwin

Jobs and Training

- \$30.23M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training and higher education

Safer Communities

- \$205.26M for the provision of police, fire and emergency services in the Darwin region including two police stations, Police Beats, closed circuit

television systems, two fire stations, two volunteer groups (fire and emergency) and police college and forensic laboratory

- \$4.43M for Darwin and Casuarina community corrections to provide monitoring and supervision of adult clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$1.3M for additional resources for the Forensic Science Branch
- \$0.6M to allow monitoring of CCTV
- \$0.6M for the Darwin area Night Patrol
- \$0.27M to provide health screening of detainees in watch-houses
- \$0.1M for the Regional Justice Project and Coordination Officer to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to increase public safety in urban areas

Better Schooling

- \$355.41M for Government and non-government education across preschool, primary, middle and senior schools
- \$22.07M for provision of school buses and transport for students with special needs
- \$1.93M for early childhood programs including Childcare Subsidy
- \$1.19M for back to school vouchers of \$75 per student



Better Health

- \$485.5M for acute care services, including patient travel, road and aero-retrieval transport services, with \$315M for Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$238.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$4.6M to enhance secure services for adults and young people with complex care needs
- \$0.7M for Royal Darwin Hospital to continue the implementation of a coordinated approach to patient care from hospital through to their communities for Indigenous patients treated for chronic disease, including ear, nose and throat conditions

Community Development

- \$16.4M for management of urban public housing and services including tenancy support services
- \$13.8M for HOMESTART NT scheme to assist low to middle-income earners to purchase a home
- \$4.5M to manage Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
- \$2M for systematic replacement of ageing water mains to avoid bursts due to structural failure, reducing unplanned water interruptions
- \$1.2M to operate a transitional accommodation facility at Crerar Road
- \$1M for the upgrade of infrastructure at Bagot Community
- \$0.83M for municipal and essential services for town camps

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$4M to support the operations at the Darwin Waterfront
- \$4M grant to Squash NT for a new facility with courts and training facilities

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$41.5M to upgrade emergency stand-by power generation at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$16M to continue construction of a 50-unit patient accommodation complex at Royal Darwin Hospital
- \$15.57M for continued restoration of the Stokes Hill Wharf
- \$12.3M for Berrimah Fire Station
- \$11.9M for additional power generation capacity to provide safe and secure supplies from the Berrimah site
- \$11.9M to relocate Namarluk School to Alawa and upgrade facilities
- \$4.9M to Royal Darwin Hospital for an upgrade to the operating theatre
- \$4.6M to Royal Darwin Hospital for an Emergency Department upgrade
- \$3.6M to construct 16 training college accommodation units at the Peter McAulay Centre
- \$2.58M for continued delivery of major new infrastructure at primary and special schools as part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan Building the Education Revolution
- \$2.45M to construct seven one and two-bedroom public housing units in the northern suburbs
- \$2.4M to upgrade Leanyer, Malak, Moil, Nakara, Nightcliff, Parap, Stuart Park and Wanguri primary schools as part of the final year of the Territory's four-year \$246M Building Better Schools initiative to upgrade all Territory schools
- \$2M to strengthen deficient pavement on urban arterial roads
- \$2M to expand facilities at Henbury School
- \$1.99M for stage 2 preparatory works at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct
- \$1.41M to construct four two-bedroom public housing units in Moil
- \$1.2M for a new laboratory and office accommodation to expand the capacity of the Forensic Science Branch
- \$1.05M for monitoring of Darwin Harbour and improved environmental assessments
- \$1M to support the Darwin Festival
- \$0.52M to assist the operations and maintain facilities for the greyhound racing industry
- \$0.24M for water allocation, regulation and compliance monitoring for the Darwin and East Arnhem regions
- \$0.19M to host the pre-season North Queensland Cowboys NRL game



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