Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and programs in the 2016-17 Budget. It complements the extensive information contained in the other Budget Papers by presenting budget details of particular relevance to the communities in each of the Territory's seven regions.

This book details initiatives in service delivery, tailored specifically for each region classified by the Government’s Framing the Future priority areas of Prosperous Economy, Strong Society, Balanced Environment and Confident Culture. It also includes Territory-wide initiatives, which apply across all regions.

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**Prosperous Economy**

- $75.74M to provide essential services in 72 remote Indigenous communities
- $31M in grant funding to councils from the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy grants pool
- $29M to market and promote the Territory as a leisure tourism destination
- $20M for the Home Improvement Scheme to support home owners and provide opportunities for small businesses
- $11.13M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $5.25M over two years in Territory and Commonwealth funding to establish bakeries in remote Indigenous communities
- $5M for the tourism infrastructure grants as part of the Boosting our Economy package
- $4.6M for industry development grants to enhance the capacity and capability of local businesses
- $3.5M for Indigenous Territorians to access training and increase workforce participation
- $3.44M to support the plant and livestock industries by protecting market access and minimising the establishment of exotic pests and diseases
- $3M for the Knowledge Territory initiatives, including the establishment of the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Knowledge Territory Study Voucher program, the Knowledge Territory Higher Education Scholarships and the Knowledge Territory Cadetship program
- $3M to progress the Marine Industry Park, Katherine Business Park and Tiwi development projects
- $2.9M to respond to plant biosecurity incursions of banana freckle disease
- $2.54M to ensure active mining operations (including exploration and extractive sites) operate in a manner that supports sustainable economic development
- $2.4M for land and water assessments to unlock the Territory’s agricultural potential
- $2M for business centres across the Territory that provide frontline customer service to businesses and workers
- $2M to establish a vapour heat treatment plant for the Territory mango industry
- $2M to market and promote the Territory as a business events destination, building demand for convention centres in Darwin, Alice Springs and Uluru
- $1.7M to manage and deliver geoscience and exploration data to the minerals and petroleum exploration industry
- $1.2M to support and develop a strategic plan for the future operation of research farms
- $1M to support aviation services between Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs
- $0.9M to support the Northern Territory Public Sector Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy 2015-20
- $0.8M to encourage greenfield exploration drilling for minerals and petroleum in greenfield regions
- $0.63M to support development of Indigenous commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity
- $0.5M to accelerate the investigation of the agricultural potential in regions near Indigenous communities
- $0.43M for October Business Month 2016 and Open Territory 2017
- $0.3M to continue live export market development for cattle and buffalo
Strong Society
• $185.9M over five years to revolutionise health care delivery through the Core Clinical Systems Renewal Program
• $85.25M for disability services including community care and support
• $63.99M for alcohol and other drugs services including treatment and care options to reduce harm
• $55.87M for mental health services and suicide prevention programs across the Territory
• $29.53M for the Northern Territory Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme
• $28.2M for road ambulance services
• $25.39M for community services including hearing, oral and cancer screening
• $12.6M over three years for the across-government 400 MHz spectrum and technology refresh
• $11M for the Community Benefit Fund to provide community grants and continue gambling amelioration and research programs
• $10M for non-government schools under the Boosting our Economy package
• $6.77M for the Northern Territory Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy
• $5.35M to continue the Homelands Extra Allowance Program
• $5.15M to provide targeted and evidence-based programs and services to meet the needs of young people who offend, and increase community safety
• $5M to expand mobile phone and broadband services across remote Territory communities
• $4M to support various community organisations across the Territory through the multicultural, youth, seniors and community support grant programs
• $3.5M for Aboriginal Interpreter Services
• $3.23M to provide enhanced monitoring and surveillance of offenders in the community
• $2.82M for the Early Intervention Youth Boot Camp and Sentenced Youth Boot Camp programs
• $2.5M for the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal
• $2.2M for streetlight repair and maintenance subsidies for local government councils
• $2M for the Remote Aboriginal Economic Development Fund
• $2M for the roll out of new body-worn video systems for frontline police
• $1.5M to develop a Remote Home Purchase Strategy to encourage home ownership in remote communities
• $1M to meet growing demand for court support services
• $1M to establish the Remote Housing Development Authority
• $0.92M over four years to support the transition to full scheme implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme across the Territory
• $0.8M to support the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission to meet increased demand
• $0.6M to support family violence prevention initiatives
• $0.3M for a feasibility study into seniors villages in Darwin and Alice Springs
• $0.14M to provide food rescue services across the Territory
Balanced Environment
- $21.3M to provide municipal and essential services to homelands
- $6M to promote and enhance the Territory’s visitor experiences and tourism infrastructure on parks and reserves
- $2.72M to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies by providing analytical testing
- $2.7M for management and research to ensure sustainability of Territory aquatic resources
- $2.5M in Commonwealth funding for the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund
- $2.4M for river and groundwater monitoring and flood forecasting
- $2.12M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- $1.33M to develop and maintain mountain bike trails
- $0.66M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program
- $0.55M to support a network of strategic regional firebreaks and bushfire suppression operations
- $0.51M for sustainable management of the Territory recreational fishing sector
- $0.5M to research domestic production of diesel from natural gas using small scale gas-to-liquids technology

Confident Culture
- $17.6M for grants to support sports in the Territory including the sports voucher scheme
- $7.82M for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- $7M to support various events across the Territory through operational support to the NT Major Events Company
- $4M to support public library services
- $2.88M to support the Northern Territory Heritage Enhancement Action Plan
- $2M to upgrade various motorsport facilities across the Territory
- $2M to upgrade sporting facilities in regional and remote areas of the Territory
- $1.5M for the Territory Government ANZAC Centenary Program to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin
- $1M to deliver two National Rugby League (NRL) matches and community programs in the Territory
- $1M in grants to local AFL clubs for community football competition development
- $1M for additional arts grants
- $1M for a planning study for Aboriginal cultural centres
- $0.8M for the Screen Territory Grants Program to stimulate industry, professional development and screen production in the Territory
- $0.47M to continue to provide free community public internet access in remote communities
- $0.25M to deliver key outcomes of the Northern Territory Arts and Cultural Policy

Infrastructure Highlights
- $140.4M over five years for the first phase of the Housing Strategy, which will see the construction of around 270 new dwellings
- $49.4M to rebuild and repair community and government employee housing damaged by cyclones Lam and Nathan
- $46.71M in Commonwealth funding to continue road upgrades as part of the Northern Territory Road Package
- $36.2M in remote community capital projects under the Indigenous Essential Services Capital Program
- $20.14M for the Roads to Recovery Program
- $20M to build skywalk adventure experiences in Territory national parks to create world-class visitor attractions and increase employment for Indigenous people
- $15.6M to continue to construct additional government employee housing, service land and upgrade existing dwellings in remote locations
- $9.7M in Commonwealth funding for additional teacher housing in remote locations
- $7.5M for urban dwelling upgrades
- $4.45M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy)
- $4.32M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to construct and refurbish remote morgues
- $4.25M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to undertake critical upgrades of aerodromes as part of the Regional Aviation Access Program
- $3.83M to strengthen and resurface ageing pavements on the urban arterial road network
- $3.55M for essential upgrades of remote health clinics
- $3.2M for motorsports upgrades
- $3.09M in Commonwealth funding for the road safety projects under the Black Spot Program
- $2M for the construction of new public housing in Elliott and Kalkarindji
- $2M to provide municipal and essential services to homelands
- $6M to promote and enhance the Territory’s visitor experiences and tourism infrastructure on parks and reserves
- $2.72M to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies by providing analytical testing
- $2.7M for management and research to ensure sustainability of Territory aquatic resources
- $2.5M in Commonwealth funding for the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund
- $2.4M for river and groundwater monitoring and flood forecasting
- $2.12M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- $1.33M to develop and maintain mountain bike trails
- $0.66M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program
Prosperous Economy

- $16.4M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $8.5M over two years for the Alice Springs smart grid trial
- $5.8M to operate the Alice Springs Desert Park
- $1.4M for the Regional Economic Development Network and the Central Australian Development Office to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
- $1M to continue strategic asset planning studies for the transport network
- $0.97M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $0.8M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $0.78M to Tourism Central Australia for visitor information services in Alice Springs and marketing and industry engagement activities
- $0.7M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas potential and promote investment
- $0.6M to operate the Ti Tree Research Farm and the Arid Zone and the Old Man Plains research stations
- $0.5M for a bush tucker industry research and development study to establish a national industry hub based in Alice Springs
- $0.4M to continue research and development to assist the cattle industry in improving productivity, reduce herd management costs and access premium meat markets
- $0.16M for business development officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
- $0.1M to continue strategic asset planning studies for the transport network

Strong Society

- $209.61M for hospital services including patient travel and aeromedical retrieval services
- $75.08M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $60.25M to provide police, fire and emergency services including nine police stations and a further six police stations funded under the National Partnership Agreement on the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Finke, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Mutitjulu, Nyirripi and Santa Teresa, and two fire stations and 12 volunteer groups
- $42.08M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult prisoners at Alice Springs Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegartion interventions to assist in their rehabilitation
- $36.92M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $33.25M for out of home care and child protection services

The Central Australia region occupies about 42 per cent of the Territory’s land area and is home to 17 per cent of the Territory’s population. There are about 41 000 people living in the region, of whom around 39 per cent are Indigenous. Alice Springs, the main centre in the region, has a population of about 25 400. This region has a relatively young population, with about 37 per cent aged 24 years or under. About 6 per cent are aged 65 years or older.

The main industries include pastoral, tourism, defence, Indigenous arts and culture, mining, and oil and gas exploration. A number of recent oil and gas developments in the Amadeus Basin, near Alice Springs, have boosted economic activity in the region, including the commencement of the Dingo gas field in early 2016.

Mineral production and exploration is a main driver of economic activity and employment in the region, particularly around the Tanami and Alice Springs. Major deposits in the area include gold and a number of new mineral discoveries such as salt, rare earths, vanadium and titanium.

Tourist attractions in Central Australia include Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon, Uluru and the West MacDonnell Ranges. Domestic and international visitors are important contributors to economic activity, while Indigenous arts and culture-related industries are an important source of employment.
• $31.43M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
• $26.44M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
• $12.8M to provide children, family and parenting support services
• $9.65M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
• $7.43M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
• $5.46M 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
• $4.66M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
• $3.74M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Alice Springs region in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
• $3.62M to provide safe, secure and humane care of young people at Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre
• $3.3M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air and distance education
• $3.11M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
• $2.62M under the National Partnership Agreement for renal facilities, including family-centric accommodation, infrastructure and dialysis facilities
• $1.88M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
• $1.3M to provide public bus transport
• $1.22M for the operation of Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park
• $1.15M for the operation of Stuart Lodge
• $1.13M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $0.95M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
• $0.83M to provide reintegration, education and Indigenous affairs programs, and post-release support and accommodation
• $0.5M to rejuvenate housing complexes
• $0.5M to operate the new child and family centre at Larapinta and support Families as First Teachers
• $0.37M for 22 mobile phone hot spot locations throughout Central Australia
• $0.17M to provide construction industry skills to prisoners and offenders on community-based
supervision orders through public housing refurbishment works

- $0.1M to upgrade the Alice Springs Women’s Centre

Balanced Environment

- $22.9M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
- $0.29M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
- $0.2M for the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens

Confident Culture

- $1.5M to deliver the 2016 Alice Springs Masters Games
- $0.69M to extend the Red CentreNATS sanction agreement
- $0.4M for facility upgrades at Blatherskite Park to support the Alice Springs Show
- $90 000 to support the 2016 Imparja Cup

Infrastructure Highlights

- $38M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Housing and Remote Aboriginal Investment to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $16.78M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue remediation and upgrades to Alice Springs Hospital
- $16.5M over two years for selected upgrades of Maryvale Road
- $8.28M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy)
- $5.45M to continue to upgrade and seal targeted sections of Tanami Road
- $5.05M in Commonwealth funding for a multi-purpose facility comprising an inpatient area, a consultation room, a residential lounge, a dining and kitchenette area and a secure outdoor area at the Alice Springs Hospital
- $4.25M to continue the construction of a connector road linking Albrecht Drive and Mparntwe Drive to support the development of residential and community-purpose land
- $4.2M in Territory Government and external funding to continue the $6.25M redevelopment of netball facilities in Alice Springs
- $4M for the subdivision of land to create serviced residential lots in Ti Tree
- $3.97M for improved facilities for scientists, volunteers and visitors at the Alcoota Fossil Beds Field Station
- $3.13M for stage 2 of the Braitling Primary School master plan to complete the new early childhood precinct adjacent to the new Braitling Preschool building
- $2M for the Alice Springs athletics track and field facilities
- $1.08M for new water source equipment at Imanpa
- $1M for upgrades to Ross Park Primary School
- $1M for stage 1 of the Laramba asbestos cement mains replacement
Barkly

The Barkly region covers about 22 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. The region has a population of about 6900, of whom 69 per cent are Indigenous. The main centre in the region is Tennant Creek, with a population of about 3600. A high proportion of people living in the region are young, with about 41 per cent aged 24 years and under, and only about 7 per cent aged 65 or older. Government services, pastoral and mining-related activities are the major contributors to the regional economy.

The Barkly and Tennant Creek pastoral district accounts for a substantial proportion of the Territory’s total cattle industry. The construction of the Northern Gas Pipeline connecting the Territory to the eastern gas market is expected to provide employment opportunities and economic activity in the Barkly region over the next few years.

Prosperous Economy
• $4.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
• $0.5M for the Regional Economic Development Network to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
• $0.25M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas potential and promote investment
• $0.25M to continue research and development to assist the cattle industry in improving productivity and reduce herd management costs
• $0.25M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
• $0.16M for business development officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
• $95 000 to the Battery Hill Mining Centre for visitor information services

Strong Society
• $24.52M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
• $24M for hospital services including patient travel
• $13.05M to provide police, fire and emergency services including three police stations and a further three police stations funded under the National Partnership Agreement on the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Alpurrurulam, Arlparra and Willowra, and one fire station and three volunteer groups
Infrastructure Highlights
- $25.3M to construct new houses at Arlparra, including land servicing, water and sewerage upgrades
- $21.1M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Housing and Remote Aboriginal Investment to construct new and upgrade existing housing, and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $7M to continue strengthening of six bridges on the Tablelands Highway
- $6M over two years for upgrades to Sandover Highway
- $4.25M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy)
- $3M for housing renovations in Elliott town camps
- $1M to extend the open speed section on the Stuart Highway from north of the Ali Curung turn off towards Tennant Creek
- $0.5M to construct left and right turn lanes off the highway to Ali Curung and a bus parking area
- $8.65M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $6.5M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $5.08M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $4.81M to provide a 50-bed low-security prisoner work camp in Tennant Creek to contribute to providing real life skills and experience for prisoners
- $4.7M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
- $4.02M for out of home care and child protection services
- $2.74M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $2.05M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
- $1.9M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
- $1.71M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $1.14M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Tennant Creek region in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
- $0.65M for the elders visiting and remote communities corrections officer programs
- $0.51M for isolated student education through distance education
- $0.3M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Elliott and Ali Curung. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Tennant Creek
- $0.27M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
- $0.24M under the National Partnership Agreement for renal facilities, including family-centric accommodation, infrastructure and dialysis facilities
- $0.23M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items

Balanced Environment
- $6.5M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
- $0.35M for mining remediation works
- $0.25M to increase weed management extension services to assist pastoralists in controlling weed incursions and infestations

Confident Culture
- $0.18M to support public library services
- $0.1M for the Jubilee Park Association for facility upgrades to support the Tennant Creek Show
- $41 000 to provide internet access to remote communities
Prosperous Economy

- $7.7M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $1.9M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas potential and promote investment
- $1.44M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $1.34M operate the Katherine and Victoria River research stations
- $0.64M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $0.6M for the Regional Economic Development Network to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
- $0.45M to conduct research and development to assist the cattle industry to increase cattle fertility and herd productivity
- $0.4M to support stage 3 of the Ord Development Project

Strong Society

- $52.42M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $43.8M for hospital services including patient travel
- $31.56M to provide police, fire and emergency services including 10 police stations and a further two police stations funded under the National Partnership Agreement on the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Minyerri and Yarralin, and one fire station and 11 volunteer groups
- $21.84M for out of home care and child protection services
- $19.47M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $14.05M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $12.79M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $8.76M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $8.09M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
- $5.35M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $4.06M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air and distance education
- $3.79M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
- $3.06M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Katherine region in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
- $2.96M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
- $1.71M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students

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 11,100. The region has a population of about 21,300 people, of whom about 55 per cent are Indigenous. About 42 per cent of the region’s population is aged 24 years and under, and about 6 per cent is aged 65 years and over. Industries in the region include tourism, horticulture, pastoral and mining.

The McArthur River Mine, located near Borroloola, is one of the world’s largest suppliers of zinc in bulk concentrate form. The mine has renewed its security bond with the Territory Government as well as completed the expansion of a second processing plant, which will allow increased production activity as global market conditions improve.

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. The Royal Australian Air Force’s (RAAF) Base Tindal, Bradshaw Field Training Area and Delamere Air Weapons Range are located in the region.

Tourist attractions in the Katherine region include Nitmiluk National Park, Leliyn (Edith Falls) and Mataranka.
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Katherine

• $1.47M 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
• $0.74M for the elders visiting and remote communities corrections officer programs
• $0.74M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
• $0.62M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $0.44M to provide alcohol and other drug residential treatment programs for adult offenders

Balanced Environment
• $19.6M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
• $0.5M to provide assistance to pastoralists and other landholders to manage grader grass, prickly acacia and rubber bush
• $0.45M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
• $0.24M to provide assistance to landholders focusing on bellyache bush in conjunction with the Commonwealth
• $0.14M for documenting Indigenous ecological knowledge
• $80,000 to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

Confident Culture
• $0.5M to support the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre
• $0.2M for the Katherine Town Council for facility upgrades to support the Katherine Show
• $25,000 for the Roper Gulf Regional Council to support the Borroloola Show

Infrastructure Highlights
• $63.3M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Housing and Remote Aboriginal Investment to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
• $7.9M to upgrade and seal selected sections of the Roper Highway
• $7.36M to continue the construction of headworks and subdivision works to support the release of residential land in Katherine East stage 2, Mataranka and Timber Creek
• $6.9M to relocate the ambulance centre in Katherine out of the flood zone
• $5.9M to seal selected sections of the Lajamanu Road
• $3.3M to continue the construction of subdivision works to support the release of 35 residential lots in Borroloola
• $3M in Commonwealth funding to continue the construction of the new health centre at Robinson River
• $2.79M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy package)
• $2.25M for new water source equipment at Barunga
• $1.8M to equip new galleries and rising main at Robinson River
East Arnhem

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

The region has a population of about 14,000, of whom more than 63 per cent are Indigenous. Nhulunbuy, with a population of about 2,100, has seen a population decline since 2013 as a result of the curtailment of operations at the Gove alumina refinery. East Arnhem’s population is relatively young and dispersed, with about 43 per cent aged 24 years and under and about 3 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Mineral production is the main economic activity in the region and includes the production of manganese at the GEMCO mine at Groot Eylandt and bauxite at the Rio Tinto mine at the Gove Peninsula.

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

Prosperous Economy

- $5.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $0.7M for the Regional Economic Development Network to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
- $0.66M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $0.47M to support development of Indigenous commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity
- $0.4M for crocodile farming business enterprises
- $0.32M for Business Development Officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
- $0.25M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas potential and promote investment
- $30,000 to enable community access to Territory coastal waters

Strong Society

- $44.08M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $32.21M for hospital services including patient travel
- $21.35M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $18.15M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $15.97M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $10.9M to provide police, fire and emergency services including three police stations and a further four police stations funded under the National Partnership Agreement on the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Bulman, Gapuwiyak, Numbulwar and Ramingining, and one fire station and seven volunteer groups
- $10.06M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
- $8.09M for out of home care and child protection services
- $5.3M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
- $4.89M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
- $4.51M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $4.34M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $4.1M joint funding to expand the police presence over three years on Groote Eylandt
- $2.79M to provide a 50-bed low-security prisoner work camp in Nhulunbuy to contribute to providing real life skills and experience for prisoners
- $1.4M to establish and operate the Nhulunbuy regional boarding facility
- $1.09M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy regions in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
• $1M to coordinate the redevelopment of communities affected by Cyclone Lam
• $0.83M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
• $0.73M for isolated student education through distance education
• $0.67M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $0.54M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
• $0.34M to expand the Elders Visiting Program, assisting offenders’ reintegration into the community
• $0.26M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Aylangula, Nhulunbuy, Numbulwar and Galiwin’ku. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Nhulunbuy

Balanced Environment
• $17.2M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing

• $0.2M to operate the Indigenous marine training program based in Nhulunbuy
• $0.19M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

Confident Culture
• $0.21M to support public library services
• $82,000 to provide internet access to remote communities

Infrastructure Highlights
• $52.7M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Housing and Remote Aboriginal Investment to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
• $16M over two years to lift and seal a selected section of road between Ramingining and Central Arnhem Road
• $13.34M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue construction of the new boarding facility at Nhulunbuy to cater for 40 remote Indigenous students
• $10M in joint Commonwealth and Anindilyakwa Land Council funding to upgrade the police facilities at Aylangula and Angurugu
• $9.85M for cyclones Lam and Nathan rectification works to community infrastructure
• $9.61M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to upgrade the emergency department at Gove District Hospital
• $4.92M for fire remediation works at Gove District Hospital
• $4.5M for the Ramingining multipurpose hall/cyclone shelter
• $4.5M to replace infrastructure destroyed by fire at Angurugu School
• $3.12M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy)
• $1M to continue upgrades on the Central Arnhem Road
• $0.85M for the Galiwin’ku gas chlorination plant and associated equipment
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. About 18,900 people live in the region, the majority of whom are Indigenous. The region’s population is relatively young, with about 42 per cent aged 24 years and under, and about 5 per cent aged 65 years or older. Tourism, horticulture and mining contribute significantly to the region’s economic activity.

Mining activity in the region includes uranium oxide from the Energy Resources of Australia Ranger mine near Jabiru and gold from Newmarket Gold’s Cosmo Deeps mine near Pine Creek.

Tourism is a significant contributor to the region including world-renowned attractions such as Litchfield and Kakadu national parks, as well as the Daly River for recreational fishing and camping. Other important industries in the region include horticulture and agriculture, which are playing an increasingly important role in the region’s economy.

Prosperous Economy

- $5.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $2.5M in budget assistance grants to the Victoria Daly and West Daly regional councils
- $1.4M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $1.2M to operate the Douglas Daly and Beatrice Hill research farms
- $0.6M for the Tiwi Islands strategic land development project, which aims to facilitate the development of Tiwi Islands through the identification of land for leasing to the private sector
- $0.5M for the Regional Economic Development Network to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
- $0.35M to operate the Coastal Plains Research Farm
- $0.2M to continue research and development that will assist the cattle industry to efficiently supply the live cattle trade and add value to cattle processed domestically
- $0.19M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $0.15M to continue research on improving farmed buffalo production and marketing

Infrastructure Highlights

- $35.8M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Housing and Remote Aboriginal Investment to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $27M to seal the road to Port Melville to support industry
- $24.5M to complete the sealing of Litchfield Park Road and construct a high-level bridge over the Finniss River
- $20.6M to continue works to improve flood immunity of Port Keats Road
- $20.27M to continue to construct the Commonwealth-funded Wadeye Police Station, including residential housing and visiting officer quarters, multifunction room, associated boat and storage sheds, communication tower and back-up generator
- $15M over two years to upgrade and seal selected sections of Gunn Point Road
- $5.77M to construct the Rocky Creek Bridge and complete the upgrade of Fog Bay Road
- $5.48M for grid connections from Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti to Wadeye
- $3.98M to continue upgrades to Dundee Beach and Shady Camp boat ramps
- $2.7M to continue works in Pine Creek to facilitate the release of industrial and residential land
- $2M for barge landing and hard-stand upgrades in Wadeye
- $1.93M to complete upgrades throughout Litchfield National Park
- $1M to upgrade the Corroboree Billabong Access Road
- $0.74M for the Wadeye Manthape water source connection
Strong Society

• $45.45M for primary health care services in remote areas
• $28.26M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
• $12.79M to provide police, fire and emergency services including 10 police stations and a further three police stations funded under the National Partnership Agreement on the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment at Minjilang, Peppimenarti and Warruwi, and one fire station and nine volunteer groups
• $11.68M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
• $6.31M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
• $4.72M for out of home care and child protection services
• $3.77M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
• $3.42M to provide children, family and parenting support services
• $3.1M to provide public bus and ferry transport
• $2.67M to provide school buses, special needs transport and ferries for students
• $1.79M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
• $1.53M for an additional six police officers in Wadeye
• $0.83M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
• $0.81M for early childhood education

• $0.61M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Wadeye and Jabiru regions in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
• $0.41M 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
• $0.41M to continue the regional bus service on the Tiwi Islands
• $0.41M for isolated student education through distance education
• $0.18M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items

Balanced Environment

• $15.5M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
• $10M in Commonwealth funding for the environmental management of the former Rum Jungle mine site
• $1.4M for repair and maintenance of the saltwater intrusion barrages in the Mary River floodplain
• $0.77M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

• $0.55M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
• $0.5M for gamba grass mitigation activities
• $0.49M to assess and monitor marine megafauna (dolphins, dugongs and turtles)

Confident Culture

• $0.25M per annum ongoing to upgrade Point Stuart Road
• $75 000 for the Adelaide River Show Society for facility upgrades to support the Adelaide River Show
Palmerston and Litchfield

Around 57,800 people live in the Palmerston and Litchfield region, with about 34,500 people residing in Palmerston. About 10 per cent of the region’s population is Indigenous. It has a relatively young population overall, with about 38 per cent of the population aged 24 years and under and about 6 per cent 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. LNG production will increase substantially following the completion of construction of the Ichthys LNG plant at Bladin Point. As the Ichthys LNG project transitions from construction to production and export, the residential and non-residential construction sectors will play an increasingly important role in the economy of the Palmerston and Litchfield region.

The region also has a significant defence presence, with the Roberston Barracks army base, located near Palmerston, which hosts the ongoing rotations of US Marines in the Territory each year.

Further new developments at East Arm, including the Marine Industry Park, will support ongoing defence presence in the region and aid future oil and gas activity in the Territory.

**Infrastructure Highlights**
- $78.36M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue work on the Palmerston Regional Hospital
- $21M to continue road upgrades in Palmerston
- $14.21M to continue the construction of headworks to support the Palmerston Regional Hospital
- $12.33M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy package)
- $10M to upgrade Taminmin College for a new science centre and eight general learning areas
- $7.85M to continue the construction of the Palmerston special school for preschool and primary school children with special needs
- $6M for intersection upgrades at McKinnon Road and Stuart Highway to provide better heavy vehicle access into Pinelands

**Prosperous Economy**
- $6.8M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $6.4M to operate the Territory Wildlife Park
- $1.67M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $1.6M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $0.6M to lead and coordinate the development of the Palmerston Regional Hospital

**Strong Society**
- $129.92M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult prisoners at Darwin Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegration interventions to assist in rehabilitation
- $112.09M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $45.65M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $38.58M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $36M over two years for furniture, fittings, equipment, information and communications technology hardware and systems and personnel to support the commissioning of the Palmerston Regional Hospital
- $24.15M for out of home care and child protection services
- $23.21M to provide police, fire and emergency services including two police stations, two fire stations and six volunteer groups
- $21.2M to the Catholic Education Office to construct a Catholic primary school in Zuccoli
- $17.83M to provide safe, secure and humane care of young people at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre
- $9.4M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
• $6.71M for early childhood education including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
• $6.27M to provide public bus transport
• $5.71M for primary health care services in urban and rural areas
• $4.61M to provide children, family and parenting support services
• $4.12M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy and expand the Families as First Teachers program
• $3.49M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
• $2.97M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
• $2.79M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
• $2.1M additional funding to establish and operate the Palmerston special school
• $1.66M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $1.55M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
• $1.48M for isolated student education through distance education
• $1.44M for the provision of sex offender treatment and remote communities corrections officer programs
• $1.33M for tertiary education
• $0.5M to rejuvenate housing complexes
• $0.47M to assist with the completion of the third and final stage of the Somerville Centre Palmerston
• $0.21M in operational support for the prisoner industry training programs within the Darwin Correctional Centre
• $0.11M to provide anti-smoking and other health programs to enhance offenders’ capacity to engage in own health care and encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing
• $90 000 for post-release support and accommodation to assist offender reintegration into the community

Balanced Environment
• $1.55M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
• $0.85M for the Cabomba Eradication Program in Darwin River

Confident Culture
• $2.3M to continue operating the Palmerston Water Park
• $3M for capital upgrades at Freds Pass Reserve (Boosting our Economy)
Darwin is the Territory’s capital city and the main population and administrative centre. About 84,400 people live in Darwin, representing about 35 per cent of the Territory’s population. Darwin’s population is relatively young, with about 31 per cent aged 24 years and under. Among the regions, Darwin has the highest proportion of population aged over 65 years, at about 8 per cent.

Major industries in Darwin include construction, defence, tourism, and public administration and safety. In addition to its own tourist attractions, Darwin is also the gateway to Kakadu and Litchfield national parks.

Darwin is an important centre for defence, with a number of bases and military establishments including HMAS Coonawarra, Larrakeyah Barracks, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah. Major defence projects in the region include upgrades to the married quarters at the RAAF Base Darwin and planned redevelopment of HMAS Coonawarra and Larrakeyah Barracks. Defence facilities in the region have also been highlighted for potential upgrades in the 2016 Defence White Paper.

At present, the Ichthys liquefied natural gas (LNG) project is making a substantial contribution to construction activity, employment and investment in the Darwin, and Palmerston and Litchfield regions.

Prosperous Economy
- $28M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians to develop new or build on existing skills to gain employment
- $2.58M for vocational education and training, job skills and employment pathways in schools
- $1.25M for the management of Frances Bay Mooring Basin and associated wharves, including design works to replace the lock gates
- $0.81M to Tourism Top End for visitor information services in Darwin, marketing and industry engagement
- $0.35M to operate the Berrimah Farm Research Facility

Strong Society
- $451.04M for hospital services including patient travel and aeromedical retrieval services
- $242.32M to provide police, fire and emergency services including two police stations, three fire stations, one volunteer group, and police college and forensic laboratory
Infrastructure Highlights

- $23.3M for infrastructure upgrades to schools (Boosting our Economy package)
- $14M to continue refurbishment of the Royal Darwin Hospital’s main tower building including hospital courtyard, entrance, foyer, outpatients clinic, eye clinic, allied health and public access areas, and the upgrade of the airconditioning system
- $10M for stage 1 of the Territory Government and City of Darwin joint-funded Barneson Boulevard Link
- $8.99M for upgrades to the essential services infrastructure and associated works at the Hidden Valley Motorsports Complex
- $8M to undertake dredging of the Cullen Bay navigational channel
- $3.74M to continue refurbishment of the paediatric wards at Royal Darwin Hospital
- $3.38M to complete upgrades throughout the Casuarina Coastal Reserve
- $3M for the construction of headworks to support development in accordance with the Berrimah North Area Plan
- $3M to construct a new area for a second CT scanner at Royal Darwin Hospital
- $2.3M for TIO Stadium upgrades
- $2M for a multipurpose conference and training centre at the Peter McAulay Centre
- $1.82M to continue the staged upgrade of the heating, ventilation and airconditioning system at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- $1M for Wagaman Primary School for cooling upgrades of the assembly hall
- $1M for Wulagi Primary School for cooling upgrades of the assembly hall
- $1M for Charles Darwin University to deliver quality professional development across the Territory

- $148.02M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $69.89M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $62.69M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $43.89M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $29.81M for out of home care and child protection services
- $17.51M to provide public bus transport
- $12.32M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $10.13M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
- $10M to support the construction of the Carpentaria Disability Services community hub development
- $8.58M for tertiary education
- $8.3M to provide cardiothoracic and neurosurgical services
- $6.72M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Childhood Services Subsidy
- $6.48M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $5.7M to operate the new Henbury School to support high needs special education
- $5.4M to operate the new Northern Territory Open Education Centre in 2016 at Bullocky Point Education Precinct
- $5M to support the Menzies School of Health Research to fund research into delivering strong economic and health returns for the Territory
- $3.28M to implement the Indigenous Education Strategy
- $2.85M for isolated student education through distance education
- $2.51M for the Great Start Great Future Northern Territory Early Years Strategic Plan 2016-20 to improve services and outcomes for Territory children and their families
- $2.23M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and Parole Board
- $2.21M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
- $1.9M over two years to replace the emergency service high-rise aerial fire and rescue appliance
- $1.74M for security services at the Darwin Magistrates and Youth courts
- $1.42M for international education in government schools
- $1.36M for the elders visiting and family violence programs
- $1.35M to provide universal access to 15 hours a week of preschool education in schools
- $1M to implement the 10-year Northern Territory International Education and Training Strategy to strengthen the Territory’s international education and training sector
- $1M for Wagaman Primary School for cooling upgrades of the assembly hall
- $1M for Wulagi Primary School for cooling upgrades of the assembly hall
Regional Highlights

- $0.63M for the Electronic Monitoring and Surveillance Compliance Unit
- $0.62M to provide alcohol and other drug residential treatment programs for adult offenders
- $0.5M to rejuvenate housing complexes
- $0.48M to provide reintegration, education and Indigenous affairs programs
- $0.4M to provide construction industry skills to prisoners and offenders on community-based supervision orders
- $0.26M for Baptist Care NT to deliver its food service Foodbank NT
- $0.21M for pre-release and post-release support and accommodation to assist offender reintegration into the community
- $0.17M to assist community-based offenders engage in work readiness and training programs

Balanced Environment

- $2M for flood mitigation works for phase 2 of Ludmilla Creek as part of the Boosting our Economy package
- $1.62M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
- $1.3M for monitoring and research activities in Darwin Harbour
- $0.25M to continue the fisheries enhancement program including the production and release of fingerlings

Confident Culture

- $16M capital grant to build a regional tennis centre
- $5M towards the redevelopment of the pool at Parap Leisure and Sports Centre
- $2.7M to support the V8 Supercars
- $2.4M to continue operating the Leanyer Recreation Park

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