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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
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Regional Highlights presents an overview of key items and programs in the 2015-16 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.

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

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

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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.

**Prosperous Economy**

- $32.79M in Commonwealth financial assistance grants for general purpose and local roads
- $30.91M in grant funding to councils from the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy grants pool
- $28.17M to market and promote the Territory as a leisure tourism destination
- $21.3M 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
- $6M for the Indigenous Matching Jobs Program for regional councils to support core local government service delivery
- $5M to promote and enhance the Territory’s visitor experiences and tourism infrastructure on parks and reserves
- $4.5M for a suite of industry development grants to enhance the capacity and capability of local businesses
- $4.4M for grants to support employers to employ apprentices and trainees
- $4M to prepare and respond to plant biosecurity incursions of banana freckle disease
- $3.5M for Indigenous Territorians to access training and increase workforce participation
- $3M for strategic tourism product initiatives
- $2.9M for land and water assessments to unlock the Territory’s agricultural potential including regions near Indigenous communities
- $2M to purchase a new water investigation drilling rig
- $2.83M to ensure that active mining operations (including exploration and extractive sites) operate in a manner that supports sustainable economic development
- $2M to market and promote the Territory as a business events destination, building demand for convention centres in Darwin, Alice Springs and Uluru
- $2M for business centres across the Territory that provide frontline customer service to businesses and workers
- $2M for Business in the Bush programs to enable and support Indigenous businesses
- $1.7M to manage and deliver geoscience and exploration data to the minerals and petroleum exploration industry
- $1M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty
- $1M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to create 100 traineeships for Indigenous Territorians
- $0.69M to enable access to Territory coastal waters for all Territorians
- $0.67M for BusinessNT programs to support Territory businesses to adopt efficient technologies, enhance commercial and financial literacy and promote social enterprise development
- $0.57M to support development of Indigenous commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity
- $0.5M to implement the Northern Territory Public Sector Indigenous Employment and Career Development Strategy 2015-20
- $0.5M towards expanding tourism WiFi networks across key locations utilised by visitors

**Territory Wide**

**Cyclone Assistance**

Recovery from the destruction caused by cyclones Lam and Nathan has begun and Budget 2015 provides funding to rebuild community housing and government facilities, including:

- $50M to rebuild and repair community and government employee housing;
- $15M to rebuild and repair community infrastructure and government facilities such as schools;
- $3.15M for the emergency response to cyclones Lam and Nathan, to manage evacuation centres and administer and manage Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief payments to support affected individuals and families; and
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• $0.4M for the 21st anniversary of October Business Month calendar events and a new NT Expo in 2016

Strong Society
• $88.1M for disability services, including community care and support
• $71.5M for alcohol and other drugs services, including treatment and care options to reduce harm
• $54.6M including an additional $3M from 2015-16 for mental health services and suicide prevention programs across the Territory
• $28.8M for the pensioner concessions scheme
• $28.4M for mandatory alcohol treatment reform programs including rehabilitation centres throughout the Territory
• $22.6M for road ambulance services
• $21M for disease control services, including disease prevention and early intervention, immunisation and disease surveillance
• $18M over three years to implement the Community Champions Program, to develop community-led programs in remote communities
• $11.9M for the Community Benefit Fund to provide community grants, and gambling amelioration and programs
• $9.9M to support the head lease rental initiative of the Real Housing for Growth Plan
• $8.3M for secure care accommodation services for adults with complex disability care needs
• $6.07M in Territory and Commonwealth funding for integrated support and services to victims of domestic and family violence
• $5.5M for environmental health services, including surveillance and monitoring of the environment and health standards
• $5.4M to increase the capacity of the Aboriginal Interpreters Services
• $5.31M to provide targeted and evidence-based programs and services to meet the needs of young people who offend, and increase community safety
• $4.75M for remote and regional tourism development grant programs, with a focus on Indigenous businesses, including a facility in Tennant Creek for the Borella Ride memorabilia
• $3.75M to establish the Office of Aboriginal Affairs and Indigenous Development Grants Program
• $3M to enhance mental health services across the Territory
• $2.24M for the Youth Justice Unit
• $2.2M for aged care services across the Territory, including home and community care services
• $2.2M for the Early Intervention Youth Boot Camp Program and the Sentenced Youth Boot Camp Program
• $1.5M to develop a Remote Indigenous Home Purchase Strategy to encourage home ownership in remote communities
• $1.1M to fund localised prevention and early intervention programs and develop medium to long-term youth services solutions
• $0.9M for trachoma screening and treatment
• $0.92M for the Pathways to Community Control program to create a framework that supports Indigenous community control in the planning, development and management of primary health care and community care services
• $0.7M for mobile breast screening throughout the Territory
• $0.6M for the community hearing workers’ initiative and Hearing Health program
• $0.5M to provide crisis counselling, support, advocacy, referrals and information services to victims of crime
• $0.49M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including courts in Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru, and registry services provided through the Magistrates Court in Darwin
• $0.4M to continue the midwifery group practice service

Balanced Environment
• $2.6M for management and research to ensure sustainability of Territory aquatic resources
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• $2.56M to monitor the quality of Territory water supplies through the provision of analytical testing
• $2.55M to support the plant and livestock industries by protecting market access and minimising the establishment of exotic pests and diseases
• $2.4M for river and ground water resource monitoring and flood forecasting
• $1.8M to provide a quality-assured veterinary laboratory that supports diagnostic, regulatory and research programs for aquatic and terrestrial animal health
• $1.55M to support a network of strategic regional firebreaks along with improvements and ongoing management of bushfire suppression operations
• $1.35M for rangelands monitoring of land conditions of pastoral estates
• $1.2M to promote animal welfare including ensuring compliance with the Animal Welfare Act
• $0.71M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

Infrastructure Highlights

• $147M in Territory and Commonwealth funding for remote Indigenous housing
• $42.4M to construct infrastructure to mitigate flooding across the Territory
• $40.9M to upgrade and maintain existing public and government employee assets across the Territory
• $27.45M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue works on six priority projects on the regional road network as part of the Regional Roads Productivity Package – Port Keats Road, Santa Teresa Road, Roper Highway, Buntine Highway, Central Arnhem Road and Arnhem Link Road
• $27M in Commonwealth funding for safety and fatigue management, and strengthening and widening Territory roads, as part of the Northern Territory Road Package

Confident Culture

• $21.3M to provide municipal and essential services to homelands
• $16.4M for grants to support sports in the Territory, including the sports voucher scheme
• $14.7M to assist the thoroughbred racing industry to conduct race meetings and maintain facilities across the Territory
• $6.72M for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
• $2.6M to support the Northern Territory Institute of Sport
• $2.25M over two years for an NT ANZAC Centenary Program to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin

• $18.9M to continue to construct additional housing, service land and upgrade existing dwellings in remote locations
• $10M to strengthen and widen selected sections of the Territory rural arterial road network
• $7.7M in Territory and Commonwealth funding for Carpentaria Highway and Roper Highway works, as part of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program
• $7.35M to continue Commonwealth funding for additional teacher housing in remote locations
• $3M to expand mobile phone and broadband services in remote Territory communities
• $3M to refurbish existing public unit complexes across all regions
• $2M to upgrade ovals in remote communities

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• $0.61M for sustainable management of the Territory recreational fishing sector
• $0.5M to assess and monitor threatened wildlife
• $0.41M to protect the safety of the public and reduce the risk of crocodile attacks in Territory waters
• $0.12M for snake call-out services in Katherine and Alice Springs

• $1M to deliver two NRL Parramatta Eels matches and community programs in the Territory
• $1M for the Melbourne Football Club to play two AFL premiership matches in the Territory
• $0.6M for sports master plans across the Territory
• $0.35M to support Territory representative teams in national open-age home and away competitions
• $0.3M to support the Screen Territory Grants Program, to stimulate industry and professional development, and screen production in the Territory
• $0.26M to support additional teacher housing in remote locations
• $0.25M towards the domestic promotion of major tourism events and festivals held across the Territory
• $0.21M to support networked library electronic resources
Central Australia

Prosperous Economy

- $16.4M 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
- $5.7M for 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
- $0.7M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas and mineral potential and promote investment
- $0.6M for a strategic horticultural development program to encourage commercial horticulture as a viable industry
- $0.6M over three years to promote regional and remote industry participation and employment in emerging projects in the Central Australia and Barkly regions
- $0.45M to conduct research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve productivity, marketing and profitability, and adapt to a highly variable climate
- $0.16M for Business Development Officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
- $0.14M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability

Strong Society

- $211.4M for hospital services including patient travel and aeromedical retrieval services
- $82.04M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $58.88M to provide police, fire and emergency services including nine police stations, and a further six police stations funded under Stronger Futures at Finke, Haasts Bluff, Imanpa, Mutitjulu, Nyirripi and Santa Teresa, and two fire stations and 12 fire and emergency volunteer groups

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• $43.7M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
• $43.17M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult inmates at Alice Springs Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegration interventions to assist in their rehabilitation
• $35.87M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
• $34.4M for out of home care and child protection services
• $27.09M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
• $12.67M to provide children, family and parenting support services
• $7.9M to continue construction of a purpose-built secure alcohol management assessment centre and expansion of treatment services in Alice Springs
• $6.68M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
• $4.45M 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 the Parole Board
• $3.56M for isolated student education through the Alice Springs School of the Air and distance education
• $2.78M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Early Childhood Services Subsidy
• $2.46M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including courts in Papunya, Mutitjulu, Yuendumu, Ti Tree, Hermannsburg and Docker River, and registry services provided through the Magistrates Court in Alice Springs
• $2.42M to provide safe, secure and humane care of young people at Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre
• $1.91M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
• $1.9M to continue a subacute mental health service, that provides for a step-up and step-down model of care
• $1.49M to provide sex offender treatment, Indigenous family violence and elders visiting programs, and remote communities corrections officers programs within Alice Springs
• $1.1M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $0.7M to continue the Hospital in the Home service
• $0.54M to provide enhanced monitoring and surveillance of offenders in the community to enable offenders to return to community
• $0.53M to provide alcohol and other drug residential treatment programs for adult offenders
• $0.4M to develop and implement alcohol harm minimisation initiatives
Infrastructure Highlights

- $41.1M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Indigenous Housing and Stronger Futures, to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $34.2M to continue remediation and upgrades to Alice Springs Hospital
- $32M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to upgrade and seal various sections of the Plenty Highway and Tjukururu Road
- $25M to complete the sealing of the Mereenie Inner Loop of the Red Centre Way tourist drive
- $7.5M for works on the Sadadeen Road bypass to deliver high-level flood immunity access to Mount John Valley
- $5.5M to construct a new facility located on the Larapinta Primary School site to provide integrated child and family services, including preschool, long day care for 70 places, outside school hours care and vacation care
- $4.03M to construct a new preschool on the Braitling Primary School site to replace the Teppa Hill Preschool
- $4.5M to construct a connector road linking Albrecht Drive and Mparntwe Drive to support the development of residential and community purpose land
- $3M for the Brewer Estate development to provide serviced heavy industrial lots
- $3M for increased courts capacity in Alice Springs
- $3M for water storage to support future residential lots in Kilgariff
- $2.7M to upgrade and redevelop the Alice Springs Youth Centre
- $2.5M to improve safety on the Stuart Highway near Willowra and Barrow Creek, including shoulder and seal widening, delineation and guard rails
- $1.85M for the Alice Springs Speedway and go-karts
- $1.5M to construct a new off-street school bus interchange in Alice Springs
- $1M to replace and extend the existing Central Australia Drag Racing Association track surface
- $0.5M to extend the existing Stuart Highway cycle path south of Alice Springs to the new suburb of Kilgariff

Balanced Environment

- $20.5M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
- $0.27M to provide reintegration, education and Indigenous affairs programs
- $0.25M capital grant for the Riding for the Disabled program in Alice Springs
- $0.2M for the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens
- $0.12M for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring

Confident Culture

- $2M to upgrade an athletics track and field facility in Alice Springs
- $2M to upgrade netball facilities in Alice Springs
- $1.5M capital grant for new lawn bowls facilities in Alice Springs
- $1.21M to plan and support the 2016 Alice Springs Masters Games and Imparja Cup
- $1M for the inaugural RedCentreNATS Alice Springs, including The Concert
- $0.77M to Tourism Central Australia for visitor information services in Alice Springs, and marketing and industry engagement activities
- $0.73M to support public library services
- $0.25M capital grant to Riding for the Disabled in Alice Springs
- $0.1M to expand the Alice Springs Inland Dragway burnout pad
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
- $0.6M over three years to promote regional and remote industry participation and employment in emerging projects in the Central Australia and Barkly regions
- $0.4M 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 provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas and mineral potential, and promote investment
- $0.25M to conduct research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve productivity and profitability to take full advantage of improved market opportunities
- $0.16M for Business Development Officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
- $91 000 to the Battery Hill Mining Centre for visitor information services

Strong Society

- $21.7M for hospital services including patient travel
- $19.38M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $12.74M to provide police, fire and emergency services including three police stations and a further three police stations funded under

Infrastructure Highlights

- $12.5M to strengthen six bridges on the Tablelands Highway
- $5M to replace the sewerage system at Ali Curung
- $3.5M to continue the construction of subdivision works to support the release of 21 residential lots in Peko Road and 12 industrial lots in Udall Road, Tennant Creek
- $3.3M to continue the Commonwealth-funded construction of new remote health centres at Canteen Creek and Elliott
- $3M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Indigenous Housing and Stronger Futures, to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $0.88M to continue the Commonwealth-funded construction of Arlparra Police Station including a multipurpose police station, residential housing and visiting officer quarters, communications tower and storage sheds for police, firefighting and emergency services equipment
- $0.7M to continue construction of a new building to support nutrition and home economics programs at Alekarenge School
- $0.7M to continue the Canteen Creek airstrip upgrade
- $0.5M towards a new tower, clubhouse, and upgrade of facilities at the Tennant Creek Speedway
Stronger Futures at Alpurrurulam, Arlparrra and Willowra, and one fire station and three fire and emergency volunteer groups

- $7.19M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $6.9M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $4.91M to provide a 50-bed low-security prisoner work camp in Tennant Creek to contribute to providing real life skills and experience for prisoners
- $4.18M for out of home care and child protection services
- $3.85M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $2.34M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $1.79M 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 the Parole Board
- $2.34M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $1.32M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $1.04M for early childhood education including the Northern Territory Early Childhood Services Subsidy
- $0.33M to expand the Elders Visiting Program, assisting offenders’ reintegration into the community
- $0.28M to provide Indigenous family violence programs and remote communities corrections officers within Tennant Creek
- $0.27M for isolated student education through distance education

Balanced Environment

- $0.21M in Back to School payments, to help families offset the cost of educational items
- $0.2M to develop and implement alcohol harm minimisation initiatives in Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung
- $0.18M 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
- $0.47M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- $0.27M to support the livestock industry by protecting market access and minimising establishment of exotic pests and diseases
- $0.25M to increase weed management extension services to assist pastoralists in controlling weed incursions and infestations

Confident Culture

- $0.77M to Tourism Central Australia for industry engagement activities
- $0.17M to support public library services
- $34 000 for the Barkly May Day Muster
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 11,200. The region has a population of about 21,300 people, of whom about 55 per cent are Indigenous. About 43 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 Xstrata-operated McArthur River mine, located near Borroloola, is one of the world’s largest suppliers of zinc in bulk concentrate form. The McArthur River mine has completed its third expansion, which is expected to substantially increase production levels.

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 is also located in the region.

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

Prosperous Economy

- $7.7M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to operate and deliver vocational education and training for Territorians
- $1.75M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas and mineral potential, and promote investment
- $1.58M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $0.9M to operate the Katherine and Victoria River research stations
- $0.5M for the Regional Economic Development Network, to drive the development of Northern Australia
- $0.48M to conduct research and development to assist the cattle industry to improve their productivity and profitability
- $0.4M to support stage 3 of the Ord Development Project

Strong Society

- $46.88M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $42.2M for hospital services including patient travel
- $29.17M to provide police, fire and emergency services including 10 police stations and a further two police stations funded under Stronger Futures at Minyerri and Yarralyn, and one fire station and 11 fire and emergency volunteer groups
- $23.6M for out of home care and child protection services
- $18.44M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $14.7M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $10.59M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $8.61M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $4.66M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $3.71M for isolated student education through the Katherine School of the Air and distance education
- $2.75M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and the Parole Board
- $1.74M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
• $1.65M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Early Childhood Services Subsidy
• $0.73M to provide alcohol and other drug residential treatment programs for adult offenders
• $0.72M for RAAF Base Tindal to operate as an alternate destination for international carriers servicing Darwin
• $0.64M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $0.63M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Beswick, Ngukurr, Timber Creek, Kalkaringi, Borroloola and Lajamanu. Registry services are provided through the courthouse at Katherine

• $0.53M to provide Indigenous family violence programs and remote communities corrections officers
• $0.36M to expand the Elders Visiting Program, assisting offenders’ reintegration into the community
• $0.2M for a sonography outreach service to the Katherine region

**Balanced Environment**

• $17.5M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
• $0.49M to support the livestock and plant industries by protecting market access and minimising establishment of exotic pests and diseases
• $0.42M 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
• $80,000 to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

**Confident Culture**

• $0.82M capital grant to redevelop the Katherine Country Club golf course
• $0.5M to support the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Cultural Centre
• $0.4M to support public library services
• $0.29M to the Katherine Town Council for visitor information services

**Infrastructure Highlights**

• $14.4M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Indigenous Housing and Stronger Futures, to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
• $10.8M to continue construction of head works and subdivision works to support the release of residential land in Katherine East stage 2, Kalkarindji, Mataranka and Timber Creek
• $7.6M to relocate the ambulance centre out of the flood zone in Katherine
• $5M to upgrade the Robinson and Calvert stream crossings on Wollogorang Road to improve flood immunity and road safety
• $4M to upgrade and seal selected sections of the Roper Highway between Fizzer Creek and Ngukurr
• $3.5M for the construction of subdivision works to support the release of 35 residential lots in Borroloola
• $2.65M for a new administration facility at Kintore Street School to complete the final stage of the special school redevelopment and expansion
• $2.5M to seal selected sections of the Lajamanu access road between Kalkarindji and Lajamanu
• $1M in Territory and Commonwealth funding for detailed design development of two bridges over Little Horse and Big Horse creeks on the Victoria Highway
• $1M to upgrade track and fencing at the Katherine Motor Sports Club
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 very difficult terrain.

The East Arnhem region has a population of about 15,900, of whom more than 63 per cent are Indigenous. The main centre, Nhulunbuy, has a population of about 3,900 people although this is expected to continue to decline following curtailment of operations at the Gove alumina refinery in 2014. East Arnhem’s population is relatively young and dispersed, with about 44 per cent aged 24 years and under and about 3 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Mining production is the main economic activity in the region and includes the production of manganese and bauxite. Manganese is produced by GEMCO on Groote Eylandt.

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

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
- $0.6M for the Regional Economic Development Network, to drive the development of Northern Australia through community and stakeholder engagement, and showcasing and marketing Northern Australia
- $0.41M to support development of Indigenous commercial fishing and aquaculture capacity
- $0.4M to provide new generation geoscience to investigate shale gas and mineral potential, and promote investment
- $0.32M for Business Development Officers to support individual businesses and non-government organisations
- $30,000 to enable access to Territory coastal waters for all Territorians

Strong Society

- $41.75M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $29.4M for hospital services including patient travel
Infrastructure Highlights

• $21M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Indigenous Housing and Stronger Futures, to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
• $19.89M in Territory and Commonwealth funding for a new boarding facility at Nhulunbuy to cater for 40 remote Indigenous students
• $6.05M in Commonwealth funding to continue the construction of a new remote health centre at Numbulwar
• $5.31M in Commonwealth funding to continue the construction of a new remote health centre in Gailiwin'ku
• $5M to continue fire safety rectification works at Gove District Hospital
• $4.37M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue Central Arnhem Road upgrades
• $4M for transport access into Gapauiyak, Gailiwin’ku and Ramingining
• $2.98M in Commonwealth funding to continue construction of training facilities at Nhulunbuy, including a classroom and visiting officers’ quarters for VET programs
• $0.38M to construct concrete floodways at various locations on Central Arnhem Road
• $0.8M to upgrade student ablutions at Milingimbi School and Nhulunbuy Primary School

Balanced Environment

• $15.1M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
• $0.4M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
• $0.25M to establish an Indigenous marine training program based in Nhulunbuy
• $0.19M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program

Confident Culture

• $0.24M to support public library services
• $30 000 for a marketing campaign to promote tourism experiences
Top End Rural

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
- $2.96M to provide public bus transport and develop a regional bus service on the Tiwi Islands
- $1.15M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability
- $1.1M to operate the Douglas Daly and Beatrice Hill research farms
- $0.8M 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
- $0.7M to continue the Tiwi Islands ferry service
- $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
- $0.3M to operate the Coastal Plains Research Farm
- $0.29M to enable access to Territory coastal waters for all Territorians
- $0.15M to conduct research and development to assist the cattle industry to efficiently supply the live export trade and Darwin abattoir with suitably prepared stock
- $0.14M to foster economic development in the Tiwi Islands including providing a range of business-focused services through a supported ‘pop-up’ Territory business centre

Infrastructure Highlights

- $67.5M under the National Partnership agreements on Remote Indigenous Housing and Stronger Futures, to construct new and upgrade existing housing and provide associated infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities
- $20.7M to continue the development of strategic economic roads, including the Arnhem Highway, Port Keats Road and the Pickertaramoor Road
- $6.5M for upgrades to the Dundee Beach and Shady Camp boat ramps
- $3.68M to continue to upgrade Leviathan Creek crossing on Fog Bay Road including constructing a new bridge and associated approaches and drainage works
- $3M upgrade Kambolgie Creek crossing on Gimbat Road to improve flood immunity at the crossing
- $2.8M to continue facilitating the release of industrial and residential land in Pine Creek
- $2.08M to continue upgrading transport access and the hardstand area at Maningrida
- $0.6M to continue the construction of three flexible-use classrooms and ablutions in Maningrida School
- $0.55M to continue the Tiwi Islands land development, to facilitate the development of agriculture, aquaculture, industrial and tourism industries on the Tiwi Islands

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 43 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 in the region includes uranium oxide from the Energy Resources of Australia Ranger mine near Jabiru, with the mine site currently planning for expansion, and gold from the Crocodile Gold mine near Pine Creek.

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 Douglas Daly research farms.
• $70,000 to conduct research and development to improve farmed buffalo production and marketing

**Strong Society**

- $38.9M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $28.39M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $12.87M to provide police, fire and emergency services including nine police stations and a further three police stations funded under Stronger Futures at Minjilang, Peppimenarti and Warruwi, and one fire station and nine fire and emergency volunteer groups
- $10.82M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $5.68M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $4.22M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $2.64M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $2.16M for out of home care and child protection services
- $1.43M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
- $0.92M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Early Childhood Services Subsidy
- $0.81M for isolated student education through distance education
- $0.49M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities, including Wadeye, Daly River and Jabiru
- $0.4M to implement alcohol harm minimisation initiatives for Wadeye, Belyuen, Maningrida, Gunbalanya and Jabiru
- $0.43M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Wadeye, Jabiru and Tiwi Island regions in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and the Parole Board
- $0.16M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items

**Balanced Environment**

- $14.2M under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing to continue providing property and tenancy management for remote Indigenous public housing
- $1.07M to monitor surface and groundwater to enable the assessment of mining impacts and requirements for ongoing management
- $0.77M to continue to support the Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program
- $0.55M to manage and maintain Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
- $0.4M to assess and monitor marine mega fauna (dolphins, dugongs and turtles)
- $0.25M to manage and maintain Crown land including weeds and associated buildings
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- $0.19M to support the livestock industry by protecting market access and minimising establishment of exotic pests and diseases
- $0.17M for the Gamba Grass Assistance Program

**Confident Culture**

- $0.35M to support public library services
Around 55,600 people live in the Palmerston and Litchfield region, with about 33,900 people residing in Palmerston. About 11 per cent of Palmerston and Litchfield’s population is Indigenous. The region has a relatively young population overall, with about 39 per cent of the population aged 24 years and under and about 6 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. LNG production will increase substantially following the completion of construction of the Ichthys LNG plant at Bladin Point in 2016.

The region is also home to the Australian Army 1st Brigade at Robertson Barracks.

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
- $6.3M to promote and enhance the Territory’s visitor experiences and tourism infrastructure on parks and reserves
- $1.65M to adapt agricultural production systems to improve agribusiness investment certainty and ensure sustainability and profitability

Strong Society
- $118.48M to provide safe, secure and humane care of adult inmates at Darwin Correctional Centre while offering a range of therapeutic and reintegrated interventions to assist in their rehabilitation
- $81.61M for primary school education in government and non-government schools
- $33.32M for middle years education in government and non-government schools
- $24.79M for senior years education in government and non-government schools
- $22.49M for out of home care and child protection services
- $19.42M to provide police, fire and emergency services including two police stations, two fire stations and six fire and emergency volunteer groups
- $10.92M to provide safe, secure and humane care of young people at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre
Infrastructure Highlights

- $35.5M in Territory and Commonwealth funding to continue work on the Palmerston Regional Hospital
- $21.35M for stage 1 of a new pre, primary and middle school for children with special needs in Palmerston to cater for up to 84 students
- $16.75M to complete the sealing of Litchfield Park Road
- $13.5M to construct a new high-level bridge over the Lower Finniss River
- $7.54M for preschool education in government and non-government schools
- $5.9M for primary health care services in urban and remote areas
- $4.59M for early childhood education, including the Northern Territory Early Childhood Services Subsidy
- $3.74M to provide children, family and parenting support services
- $3.55M to provide school buses and special needs transport for students
- $3.11M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Palmerston and Litchfield regions in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and the Parole Board
- $2.60M to provide sex offender treatment, Indigenous family violence and elders visiting programs, and remote communities corrections officer programs
- $2.5M for prisoner health services at Darwin Correctional Precinct
- $1.54M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
- $1.28M for isolated student education through distance education
- $1.23M for tertiary education
- $2.60M to provide sex offender treatment, Indigenous family violence and elders visiting programs, and remote communities corrections officer programs
- $2.5M for prisoner health services at Darwin Correctional Precinct
- $1.54M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
- $1.28M for isolated student education through distance education
- $1.23M for tertiary education

Balanced Environment

- $1.49M to manage and maintain Crown land including associated buildings and weed control
- $0.27M to support the livestock and plant industries by protecting market access and minimising establishment of exotic pests and diseases
- $0.16M to provide technical and diagnostic support to the Banana Freckle Eradication program
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Confident Culture

- $2.3M to continue operating of the Palmerston Water Park
- $1.98M capital grant to upgrade the Satellite City BMX track
- $0.55M to support public library services
- $0.25M capital grant to Riding for the Disabled at Marlow Lagoon
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- $0.25M capital grant to Riding for the Disabled at Marlow Lagoon
Darwin is the Territory’s capital city and the main population and administrative centre. About 84,800 people live in Darwin, representing about 35 per cent of the Territory’s population. Darwin’s population is relatively young, with about 32 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 naval and army base at Larrakeyah, RAAF Base Darwin and Defence Establishment Berrimah.

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. The project involves the development of the offshore Ichthys liquids and gas field located 820 kilometres north-west of Darwin, as well as the construction of an LNG plant and other associated facilities onshore at Bladin Point.
• $8.97M for tertiary education
• $5.51M for child protection services
• $5.26M to provide children, family and parenting support services
• $3.89M to operate the new 12-bed extended emergency management unit within Royal Darwin Hospital

• $3.67M for isolated student education through distance education
• $3.36M to provide assessment, monitoring and supervision services to community-based clients in the Darwin region in line with sentences and orders issued by the courts and the Parole Board
• $2.37M in Back to School payments to help families offset the cost of educational items
• $1.26M to provide enhanced monitoring and surveillance of offenders in the community to enable offenders to return to community
• $1.2M over four years for the establishment of a Neighbourhood Activity Centre at Sanderson Middle School

• $0.56M for international education in government schools
• $0.41M for post-release support and accommodation to assist offender reintegration into the community
• $0.27M to provide reintegration, education and Indigenous affairs programs

Balanced Environment
• $1.2M for monitoring and research activities in Darwin Harbour

• $8.45M for Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex infrastructure upgrades and master plan
• $4M to construct head works to support the release and development of infill Crown land sites
• $4M to complete the refurbishment of the paediatric ward at Royal Darwin Hospital
• $4M for preliminary works for the Darwin Waterfront stage 2 redevelopment and to construct an additional pontoon adjacent to the Stokes Hill Wharf to support harbour cruise operators
• $2.12M for refurbishment works at Wulagi Primary School
• $1.33M to replace the heating, ventilation and airconditioning system at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
• $1.2M to construct a covered structure on the sea wall from the Cruise Ship Terminal to the pontoon walkway leading to the Waterfront
• $1M to enhance the assembly area at Anula Primary School to provide a tempered air system for all-weather and multipurpose use
• $0.25M for a fisheries enhancement program including fingerling production and investigating options for artificial reef structures
• $0.24M for water allocation plan implementation, regulation and compliance monitoring

Confident Culture
• $8M capital grant to a regional tennis centre
• $2.45M for the V8 Supercars Championship, including free public transport to the event, and the Race and Rock Concert
• $2.4M to continue operating the Leanyer Recreation Park
• $2M capital grant to upgrade lawn bowls facilities
• $1.5M capital grant for Darwin Velodrome
• $1.4M to support public library services
• $1M for repairs and maintenance work on the TIO Stadium
• $0.6M to host the Davis Cup quarter final tie at Marrara
• $0.25M in 2014-15 to provide a capital grant to the Darwin Turf Club for a pedestrian underpass at the Fannie Bay Racecourse
• $0.12M to bring a Four Nations Women’s Hockey Pre-Olympic Games Tournament to Darwin

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