

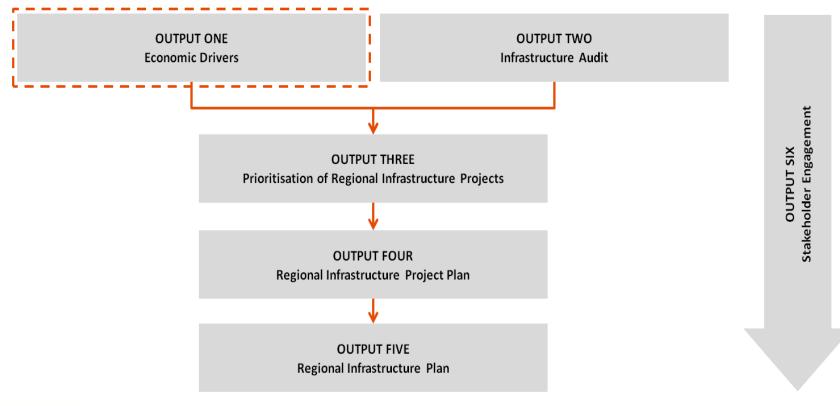
NT Regional Infrastructure Study Economic Drivers (Output One)

Katherine (Lower Top End Region)



Economic Drivers Overview

Analysis of the drivers of economic growth in the Northern Territory:



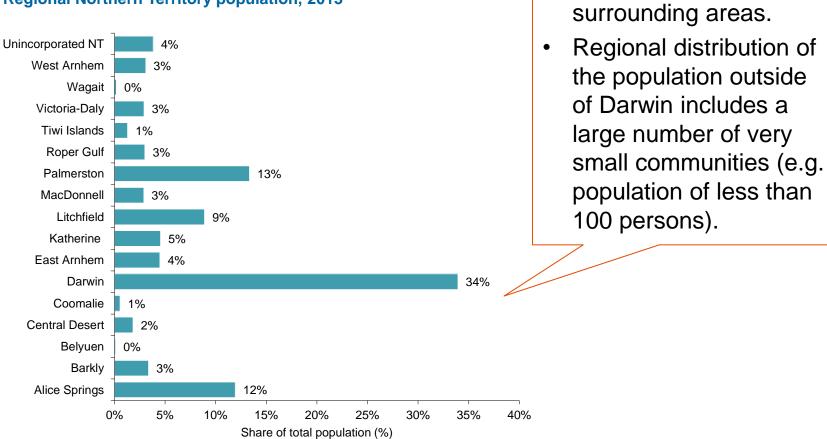


Economic Performance and Outlook – Demographic Characteristics

- Northern Territory has a small population subject to volatile changes.
- Changes are largely driven by changes in net interstate migration associated with the strength of employment opportunities.
- Population growth of 1.7 per cent per annum, slightly higher than the national average.
- Significant issues associated with population measurement due to interstate migration and data collection issues in remote communities.
- Compared with Australia as a whole, the Northern Territory has a higher proportion of residents who are under the age of 50.
- Northern Territory population has a significantly higher share of Indigenous residents (30 per cent) compared to Australia as a whole (3 per cent).



Economic Performance and Outlook – Demographic Characteristics



Regional Northern Territory population, 2013

MOMENTUM

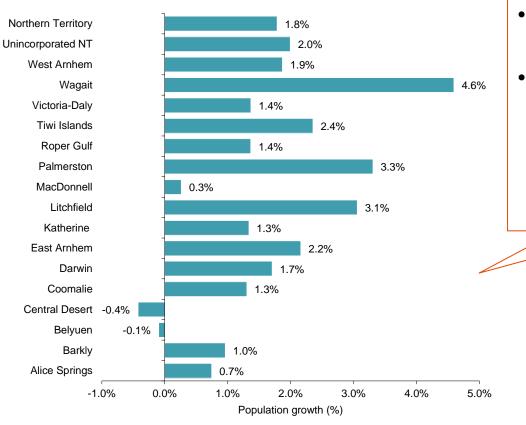
Over half the population

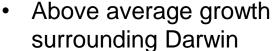
are in Darwin and

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Economic Performance and Outlook – Demographic Characteristics

Average annual population growth, 2003 to 2013





Some regions
 experiencing slow
 growth and some
 experiencing population
 decline.



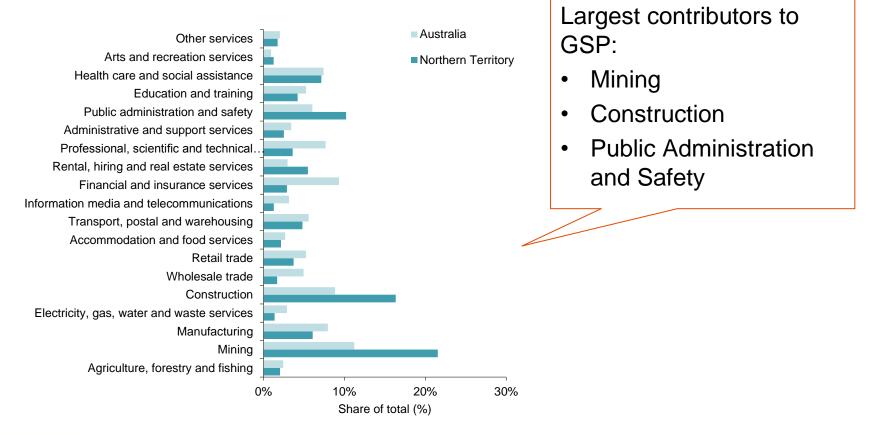
8% 7% 7% 6% 6% 5% 5% 5% 5% Annual growth rate (%) 4% 4% 4% 4% 4% 3% 3% 3% 3% 3% 3% 2% 2% 2% 2% 2% 1% 1% 1% 0% 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2011-12 2012-13 2006-07 2010-11 Northern Territory Australia

Gross state (domestic) product growth

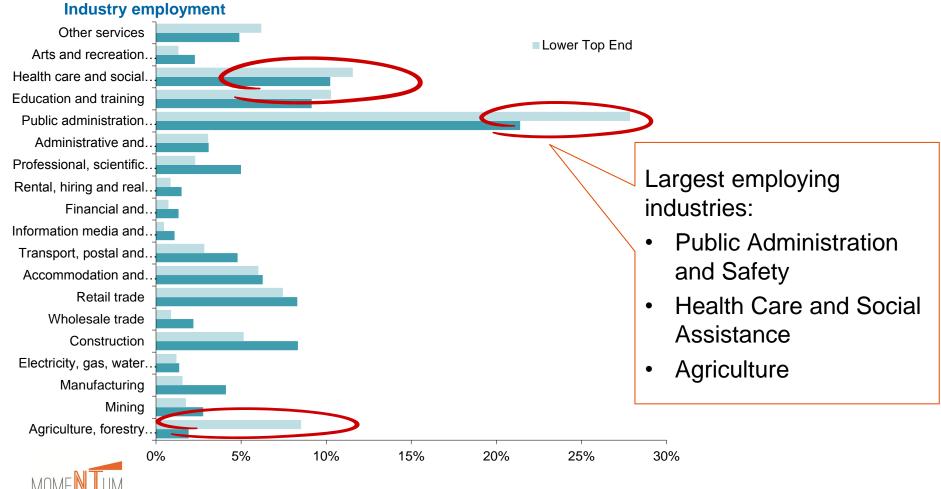
- Northern Territory accounted for 1.3 per cent of total Australian GDP in 2012-13.
- In 2012-13, the Northern Territory experienced the strongest growth of all Australian states and territories.





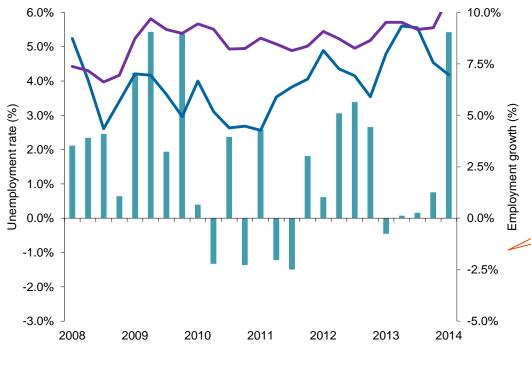






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Economic Performance and Outlook – Labour Force



Employment growth and unemployment rates

Unemployment in the Northern Territory is generally lower than the national rate.

Large increase in employment growth in recent quarters.

Employment growth (Northern Territory - seasonal (RHS))

Unemployment rate (Northern Territory (LHS))

Unemployment rate (Australia (LHS))



Economic Performance and Outlook – Labour Force

Northern Territory 4% Unincorporated NT 2% West Arnhem 14% Wagait 4% Victoria-Daly 12% Tiwi Islands 9% Roper Gulf 19% Palmerston 4% MacDonnell 15% I itchfield 3% Katherine 6% East Arnhem 20% Darwin 4% Coomalie 8% Central Desert 14% 6% Belyuen Barkly 11% Alice Springs 3% 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% Unemployment rate (%)

Regional unemployment rates

Significant regional variation in unemployment rates.

A higher unemployment rate in the Lower Top End. A lower participation rate in the Lower Top End.



25%



Industries experiencing employment growth included:

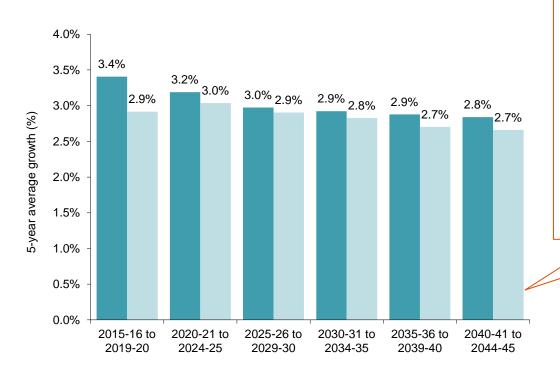
- Public administration and safety;
- Construction;
- Finance and insurance; and
- Manufacturing.

Growth in these industries was partially offset by declines in the following:

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing;
- Education and training;
- Information, media and telecommunications; and
- Wholesale trade.



Economic Performance and Outlook – Northern Territory Economic Outlook



Predicated average economic growth rates

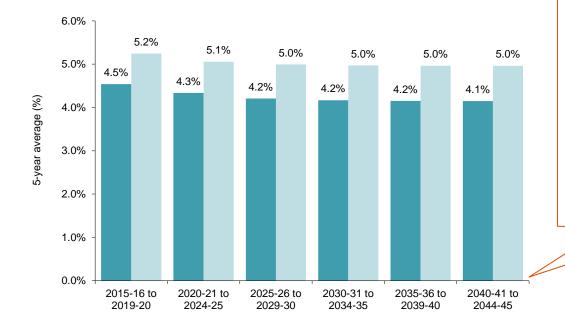
Growth in the Northern Territory is expected to continue to remain stronger than the national average.

This reflects continuation of higher than average growth in both population and labour force participation.

Northern Territory Australia



Economic Performance and Outlook – Northern Territory Economic Outlook



Northern Territory

Australia

Predicated average unemployment rates

Employment growth is expected to continue to increase in the near term. Growth is underpinned by construction activity for major projects.

The projected long run unemployment rate is lower than the predicted national average.



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Industry Performance, Barriers and Opportunties

Industry Performance, Barriers and Opportunities - Agriculture

Output

- \$347 million (1.8% of NT total)
- 30.0% growth from 2003-13
- Contributed 1.2% to total NT growth from 2003-13

Infrastructure Barriers

- Road accessibility and quality
- Port facilities for horticulture exports
- Port facilities for livestock exports
- Port facilities for fisheries exports

Employment

- 1,900 (1.5% of NT total)
- 3.3% growth from 2003-13
- Contributed 0.2% to total NT growth from 2003-13

Industry Development Opportunities

- High Value Horticulture
 Commodity Export
- Year-Round Livestock Export Trade



Industry Performance, Barriers and Opportunities -Mining and Energy

Output

- \$3.7 billion (19.5% of NT)
- 61.4% growth from 2003-13
- Contributed to 21.1% to total NT growth from 2003-13

Employment

- 4,400 workers (3.5% of NT)
- 97.5% growth from 2003-13
- Contributed to 8.1% to total NT growth from 2003-13

Infrastructure Barriers

- Port of Darwin capacity & other port/ barge loading issues
- Rail gauge
- Roper Highway
- Road and power infrastructure
- Pipeline infrastructure

Industry Development Opportunities

- Expansion of gold mining
- Increase in iron ore exports
- Development of an unconventional gas industry



Industry Performance, Barriers and Opportunities - Tourism

| Output | Employment | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| • \$821 million (4.3% of NT total) | 8,000 (6.6% of NT total) | | |

Infrastructure Barriers

- Road access, quality, and consistency
- Ageing interpretive infrastructure
- Telecommunications coverage
- Broadband coverage
- Energy access

Industry Development Opportunities

- Improved year-round access to existing prominent destinations
- Increased dispersal of visitors to new destinations
- Improved quality of experience



Industry Performance, Barriers and Opportunities -Transport

| Output | Employment | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| \$820 million (1.8% of NT total) | 1,900 (1.5% of NT total) | | | |
| • 23.9% growth from 2003-13 | • 1.1% growth from 2003-13 | | | |
| Contributed 2.4% to total NT growth from 2003-13 | Contributed 0.3% to total NT growth from 2003-13 | | | |

Infrastructure Barriers

- Road design shortcomings
- Year-round access
- Lack of intermodal transport facilities

Industry Development Opportunities

• Increase in output and profitability for the road transport sector



Opportunities (for discussion)

Potential opportunity

Opportunity 1: Increase horticulture production and exports

Opportunity 2: Increase livestock production and exports

Opportunity 3: Increase in fisheries production and exports

Opportunity 4: Expansion of mining operations and exports

Opportunity 5: Development of onshore gas industry

Opportunity 6: Increase tourism sector growth

Opportunity 7: Increase transport sector output and productivity

- What are the industries with the potential to drive the next wave of economic growth in Lower Top End Region?
 - Is infrastructure investment required to build on historical local strengths in tourism, resource extraction and agriculture?
- What are the infrastructure enablers that could assist in facilitating this growth? Specifically:
 - Transport;
 - Essential Services; and
 - Community Infrastructure.









NT Regional Infrastructure Study – (Output two)





Transport Infrastructure Audit

Transport Infrastructure Audit

Objectives

Two overarching objectives of audit:

- Determine deficiencies in existing infrastructure *Baseline Audit*
- Undertake a gaps analysis to identify upgrading needs Gap Analysis



Scope of Works

Road

- National highways
- Rural arterial roads
- Secondary local roads

Rail

All rail between Tarcoola and Darwin in the context of supply chains and passenger movements

Ports

- 14 Government barge landings
- Regional ports operated by independent commercial entities
 - Bing Bong
 - Gove (Nhulunbuy)
 - Groote Eylandt (Alyangula)



cont...

Aerodromes

- 70 NT Government maintained aerodromes
- Others considered due to mining/tourism impact
 - Jabiru
 - Yulara
 - Groote Eylandt
 - Nhulunbuy
 - Tennant Creek
 - McArthur River Mine
 - Katherine (Tindal)



Baseline Audit – Roads

Key findings:

- National Highways high degree of compliance, sections (Alice Springs region) carriageway width not met
- Rural Arterial Roads significant variance in road compliance across regions
- Secondary Local Roads overall low compliance with the technical standards, compliance varies significantly between multi user routes and local access roads
- Maintenance gap is widening



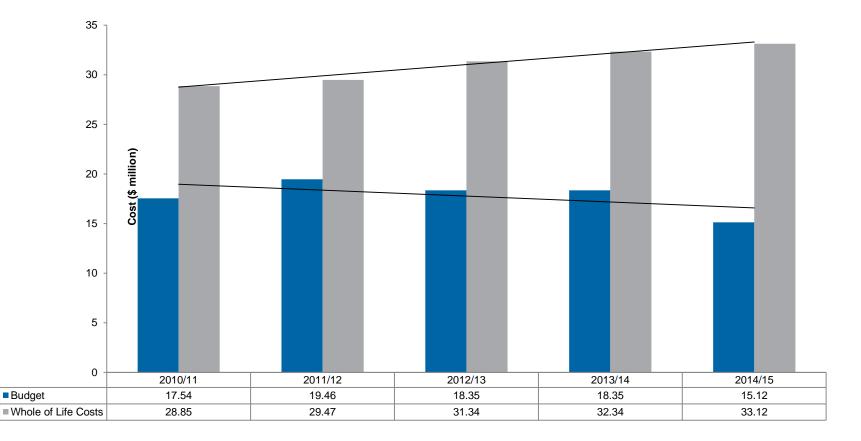
Deficiency Assessment

| Region Functional Road Class | | Total Road Length (km) | Proportion of Roads Meeting current Standard (%) | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|------|
| | g () | C/W Width | Seal/Gravel Width | No. Lanes | Lane Width | |
| Katherine | National Highways | 927 | | | | |
| | | | 94% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| | Rural Arterials | 1084 | 64% | 34% | 39% | 95% |
| | Secondary Locals | 2650 | 45% | 75% | 73% | 88% |
| | Local Roads(1) | 21 | 46% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Total NT | National Highways | 2687 | 91% | 97% | 100% | 97% |
| | Rural Arterials | 4003 | 78% | 59% | 67% | 88% |
| | Secondary Locals | 10109 | 76% | 86% | 86% | 90% |
| | Local Roads | 122 | 82% | 100% | 100% | 100% |



Maintenance requirements for each road type

National Highways – R&M Budget Comparison with Whole of Life Costs Trend

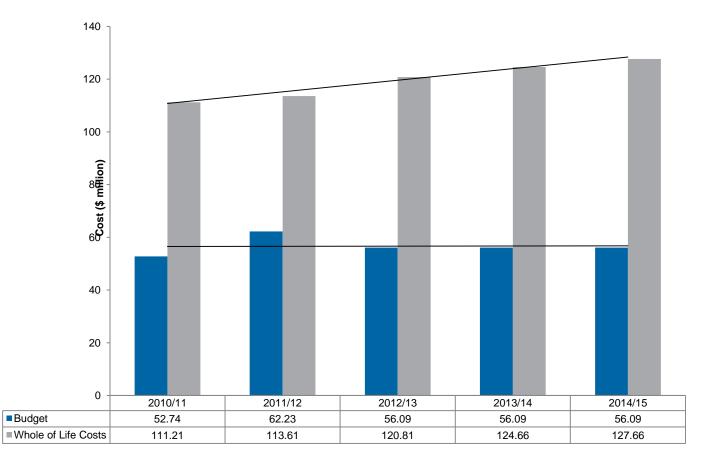




Northern Territory Regional Infrastructure Study

Maintenance requirements for each road type

Territory Roads – R&M Budget Comparison with Whole of Life Costs Trend





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Intra-Regional Considerations

- Potential loop road connecting existing road network in Ti Tree and Plenty area, including a linkage between Plenty and Sandover Highways
- A link between Newhaven and Vaughan Springs Road
- A connection between Tennant Creek and Lajamanu
- A link between Numbulwar/Ngukurr and Central Arnhem Road
- A link from Nathan River Road to Bing Bong Port
- Keep River Crossing link from Ord River Stage 3 to Ord River Stage 2 in WA
- A new direct link between Fleming Road in the Daly Douglas agricultural development zone and Beasley Road in the Edith Farms area near to Katherine.



Inter-Jurisdiction Considerations

- National Highways ok, except flood prone areas
- Rural Arterial Roads Buntine Highway, Tanami Road and Plenty Highway
- Secondary Local Roads Outback Way connects Yulara/Lasseter Highway through to Giles/Wingellina in WA (Tjukaruru Road) and Plenty Highway



Gaps Analysis - Roads

Increases in road network use by volume over 5, 10, 20 and 30-year timeframes

Future traffic growth form inputs to prioritisation. Other factors:

- Network connectivity
- Maintaining all weather access
- Economic development criteria (mining, tourism, agriculture)
- Unlocking demand/productivity supressed by poor accessibility
- Maintenance and construction cost factors
- Aspirational considerations



Baseline Audit – Rail

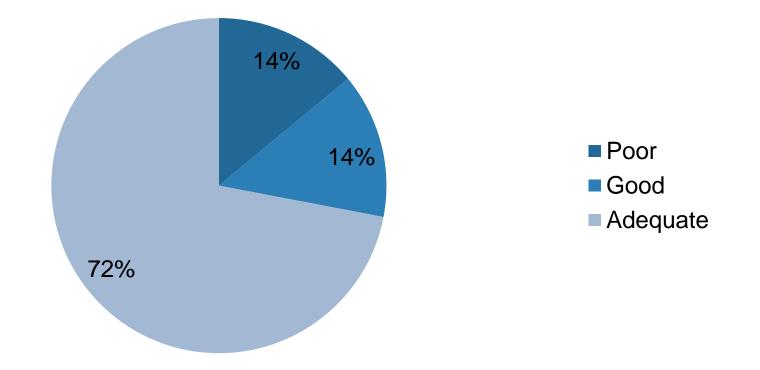
Key findings:

- Current data relating to infrastructure standards is not available other than to AustralAsia Railway Corporation in its monitoring and contractual role due to privatised rail operation.
- Access regulatory framework managed by Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA)
- Currently 28 return train services weekly.
- Additional potential mining outputs of up to 5-7 mtpa over next 7 years will increase train path requirements on the network.
- Critical issues will be:
 - efficient scheduling of train services
 - line capacity through passing loops on the network
 - Darwin/Berrimah staging infrastructure (available track in yard areas)
 - Port access and unloading capacity.



Baseline Audit – Ports

Review of Barge Landings Against Minimum Standards





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Baseline Audit – Aerodromes

Key findings:

- Initial indications based on level of service criteria are that over 40% of NT Government aerodromes will require minor to major upgrade in the next 10 years.
- Emphasis moving to upgrading larger aerodromes for Code 3 compliance for Code 3 aircraft on RPT services
- Increase in sealing of airstrips leading to increased maintenance funding shortfall for resealing and line marking
- Increased requirement for removal of trees /vegetation in the transition and provision of security fencing (vandalism etc)







Essential Services infrastructure

Essential Services – Scope of Works

Qualitative information used to describe capacity, reliability and design life:

- Power Infrastructure
 - Generation
 - Grid Connection and high/low voltage distribution
- Water Infrastructure
 - Water source
 - Water storage
- Sewerage Infrastructure
 - Sewage Pumping Stations
 - Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Telecommunications Services
 - Fixed and Mobile voice communication
 - Data broadband (ADSL/ADSL2+, WBDSL, Satellite broadband)
 - Specific government services (DRI, GWIP, GBIP, STAR Network)



Major findings Essential Services

- The current infrastructure gap across capacity, reliability and asset renewal represents the majority of essential service infrastructure needs for the next 30 years with up to 43% of sites currently requiring upgrades
- Power infrastructure requirements driven by a reliance on diesel fuel (76% of locations) and a large number of small power stations (52 units <78MW)</p>
- Water infrastructure represents the majority of required upgrades with 39% currently not having sufficient capacity, 43% currently not providing sufficient reliability and 33% in operation past their economic design life. By the 30 year interval all communities will have a water storage that requires replacement due to end of economic life.
- Water resource capacity is constrained at 36% of sites limiting the amount of available water for use and is of poor water quality at 30% of sites.
- There is a need for an NT Telecommunication Strategy; There is no legal obligations to serve any location. User preferences are wired solutions to improve reliability and latency
- The agriculture and mining industries in regional areas self-provide their essential services and are not reliant on public service provider infrastructure.



Power Infrastructure Audit – Assets

Power Stations

- PWC Generation
- PWC Remote operations
- Private & Other

- ▶ 8 Units 72 MW
- ▶ 52 Units 78 MW
- ▶ 4 Units 28 MW

76 % Diesel

19% Dual Fuel

<1% Solar

5% Gas

Average Remaining Life – 18 years

Grid and HV/LV Distribution

- PWC Generation
- PWC Remote operations
- Private & Other
- Average Remaining Life 30 years

- ► 11 Locations 16,000 people
- ► 53 Locations 31,000 people
- ► 2 Locations 4,500 people



Power Infrastructure Audit – Assets

| REGION | Sec. 8 | (1) | 8 | REGION TOTAL |
|--------|--------|-----|----|--------------|
| ASP | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| DRW | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| EAH | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| KTH | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| TCK | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 62 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| (%) | 100% | 0% | 0% | |

Capacity

• All power stations have the enough capacity

Redundancy

• All power stations except one have (N-1) redundancy (PWC)

Fuel Capacity

• Average fuel capacity for diesel power stations 18 wks (6 to 58 wks)



Telecommunications Infrastructure Audit – Services

| REGION | MOBILE | ADSL | PHONE | NTG |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|
| ASP | 14 | 8 | 43 | 23 |
| DRW | 16 | 12 | 19 | 15 |
| EAH | 10 | 9 | 12 | 11 |
| KTH | 13 | 7 | 24 | 18 |
| TCK | 3 | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 56 | 38 | 107 | 73 |
| (%) | 39% | 27% | 75% | 51% |

Major Town – Major Remote Town

- Fixed Phone (Yes) ADSL (Yes) Mobile (Yes) ISDN (Yes)
- Remote Communities Outstations
- Fixed Phone (Yes) ADSL (Very Few) Mobile (Very Few) ISDN (Very Few)

Every user comes up with their own solution (VSAT, ADSL, Mobile...)



Audit Results – Water Infrastructure

| SUMMARY RESULTS 2014 | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------------------|
| WATER INFRASTRUCTURE | I | () | 8 | REGION TOTAL |
| SOURCE PUMPS CAPACITY | 92% | 7% | 1% | 100% |
| SOURCE PUMPS RELIABILIY | 41% | 16% | 43% | 100% |
| STORAGE CAPACITY | 43% | 18% | 39% | 100% |
| STORAGE RELIABILITY | 49% | 8% | 43% | 100% |
| STORAGE REMAINING LIFE | 67% | 0% | 33% | 100% |

Capacity

• 39% of sites don't have enough storage capacity

Reliability

 43% of sites don't have reliable water source infrastructure (N-1) redundancy (PWC)

Design Life

 33% of sites have water storage that have reached the end of their design life



Audit Results – Sewerage Infrastructure

- The majority of Sewage Pumping Stations (SPS) are adequate both in terms of their capacity and condition.
- Nearly half of the SPSs in the East Arnhem region have capacity issues and are likely to require upgrade to reduce the risk of sewage overflows.
- There are a significant number of SPSs that have key elements more than 30 years old, especially in the Darwin and East Arnhem regions.
- 6% of the waste stabilisation ponds in regional NT present a high risk to public health and/or the environment and require upgrade.
- Over 40% of waste stabilisation ponds pose a moderate risk to public health or the environment and will likely require upgrade in the medium term. The majority of these sites are located in the Alice Springs region. The need for pond upgrades in arid regions may be delayed if effluent disposal is via evaporation or discharge to low risk areas.



Audit Results – Sewerage Infrastructure

| SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AUDIT CAPACITY BY REGION | | | | | |
|---|-----|------------|-----|--------------|--|
| REGION | S | (<u>)</u> | 8 | REGION TOTAL | |
| ASP | 24 | 1 | 4 | 29 | |
| DRW | 20 | 1 | 4 | 25 | |
| EAH | 11 | 1 | 8 | 20 | |
| KTH | 10 | 1 | 3 | 14 | |
| TCK | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| CAPACITY TOTAL | 67 | 4 | 20 | 91 | |
| % of TOTAL | 74% | 4% | 22% | | |

| SEWAGE PUMPING | STATION AUDIT CONI | DITION BY REGION | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----|--------------|
| REGION | Sec. 1997 | (2) | | REGION TOTAL |
| ASP | 28 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
| DRW | 11 | 16 | 0 | 27 |
| EAH | 11 | 11 | 0 | 22 |
| KTH | 9 | 5 | 0 | 14 |
| TCK | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| CONDITION TOTAL | 61 | 36 | 0 | 97 |
| % of TOTAL | 63% | 37% | 0% | |

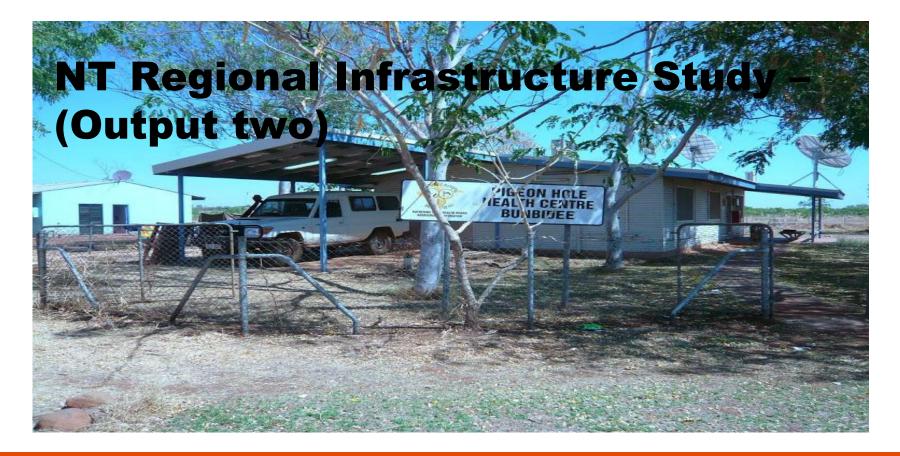
| WASTEWATER TRE | ATMENT AUDIT CAPA | CITY BY REGION | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| REGION | Sec. 1997 | (2) | \otimes | REGION TOTAL |
| ASP | 5 | 10 | 3 | 18 |
| DRW | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 |
| EAH | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| KTH | 12 | 6 | 0 | 18 |
| TCK | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| CAPACITY TOTAL | 32 | 27 | 4 | 63 |
| % of TOTAL | 51% | 43% | 6% | |

| WASTEWATER TR | ٦E | ATMENT AUDIT C | OND | DITION BY REGION | J | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| REGION | | Sec. 19 | | (2) | | S | REGION TOTAL |
| ASP | | 14 | | 3 | | 1 | 18 |
| DRW | | 2 | | 12 | | 1 | 15 |
| EAH | 7 | | 3 | | 0 | 10 | |
| КТН | | 15 | | 2 | | 1 | 18 |
| тск | | 2 | | 0 | | 1 | 3 |
| CONDITION TOTA | L | 40 | | 20 | | 4 | 64 |
| % of TOTAL | | 63% | | 31% | | 6% | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Asset Capacity | 9 | Cap > Req Cap | 8 | Cap < 85% of Req Cap | • | 85% of Req Cap < Cap < Req | Сар |
| Asset Capacity - WWTP | 9 | Low Risk | 8 | High Risk | • | Moderate Risk | |
| Asset Condition | 9 | RL > 50% of Asset Life | 8 | RL < 25% of Asset Life | 0 | 25% < RL < 50% of Asset Life | |









COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE



- 1. Complete a baseline audit to identify current community infrastructure
- 2. Develop regional profiles of community infrastructure
- 3. Assessment of current community infrastructure need based on population size and service type
- 4. Develop standard unit capital maintenance and recurrent costs for community infrastructure types

Audit objectives

Community infrastructure

Community infrastructure encompasses the public, private and non-governmental organisation facilities which accommodate community services, programs and activities.

Community Facilities

Community Centres Libraries Education Recreation Art, culture Community Health

Strong, supportive local communities

Human Services

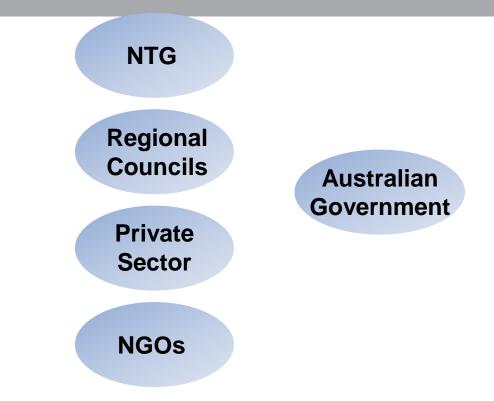
Family & Children Youth Aged Health Disability Social Support Community & Cultural Development

Accessibility Asset based Community Needs Local economic development Capacity building Place management





- 1. Education
- 2. Health
- 3. Police
- 4. Housing
- 5. Vocational Training
- 6. Community Stores
- 7. Family infrastructure
- 8. Communities infrastructure



Sectors and Key Providers/Funders



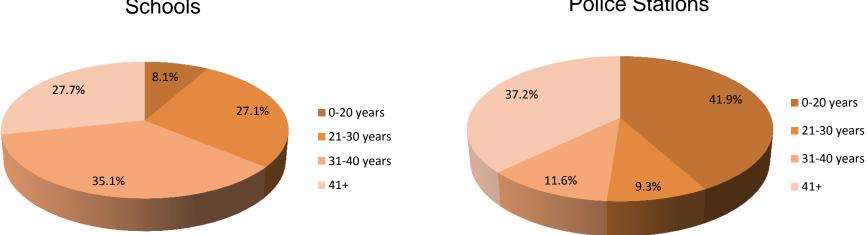
| Sector | % of Communities with Services |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stores | 92% |
| Housing (Social) | 92% |
| Health | 91% |
| Education | 87% |
| Families | 67% |
| Communities | 63% |
| Police | 54% |
| Vocational Education | 36% |

Availability of Services



- 1. Aging asset portfolio for Education and Police
- 2. Change as a result of service drivers rather than population
- 3. Role of NGOs and Regional Councils in service delivery

RIS Community Infrastructure Key Findings



Asset Age



Schools

Police Stations



- Estimated resident population of 16,028 (Katherine 7,838)
- 21 health clinics 2 NT Government
- Secondary school at Katherine
- Schools at Mataranka & Timber Creek over capacity
- 11 police stations, including Maranboy
- 7 vocational training facilities, including 2 recently funded Trade Training Centres

Katherine Region – Summary Information

| Community | Ngukkurr (1,235) | Lajamanu (748) | Bulman (340) | Timber Creek (236) | Pigeon Hole (145) |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Early Learning | Child & Family Centre | Child Care/Creche | None | Child Care/Creche | None |
| School Age Range | Combined P-12 | Combined P-12 | Combined P-10 | Combined P-7 | Primary |
| Vocational Education | Study/Learning Centre (BI) Trade Training Centre (DoE) | Study/Learning Centre (BI) Trade Training Centre (DoE) | None (567) | None (266) | None (207) |
| Police | Police Complex | Police Complex | Police Station - Themis | Police Complex | None (90) |
| Health | Category 2 | Category 1 | Category 2 | Category 2 | Category 2 |
| Store | Large | Medium | Small | Medium | Small |
| Social Housing | 128 | 99 | 20 | 0 | 18 |
| Families | Women's Centre | Women's Centre | Women's Centre | Aged Care | - |
| Communities | - | Multi-purpose Facility Art Centre | Recreation Hall | Library | - |
| Other | Second Store/Takeaway | - | Second Store/Takeaway | - | - |

Katherine-Sample Information







Mataranka Police Station

RIS Community Infrastructure



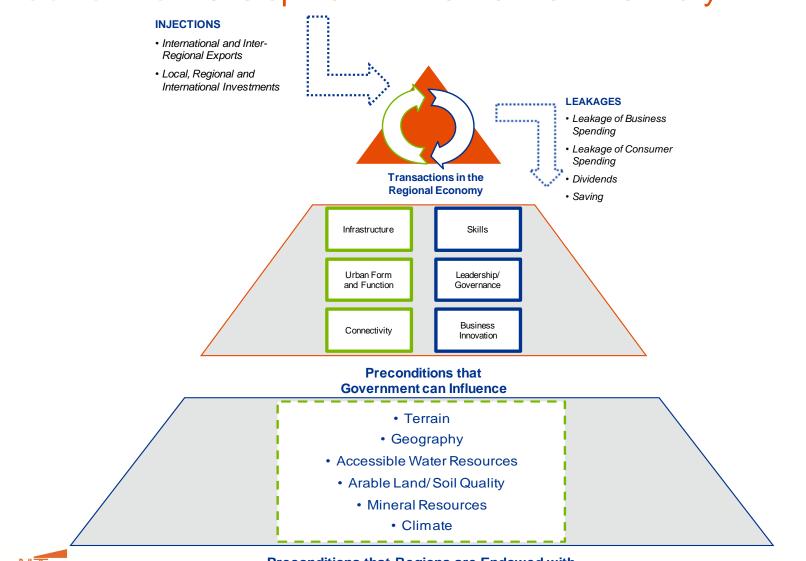




Existings vs. new housing



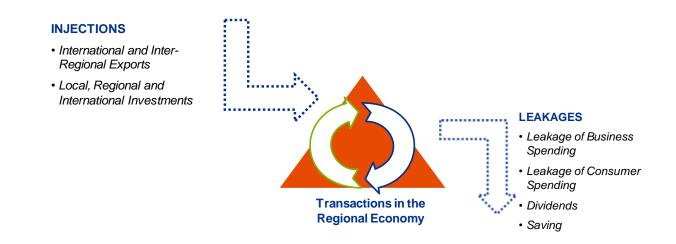
Economic Development in the Northern Territory





Preconditions that Regions are Endowed with

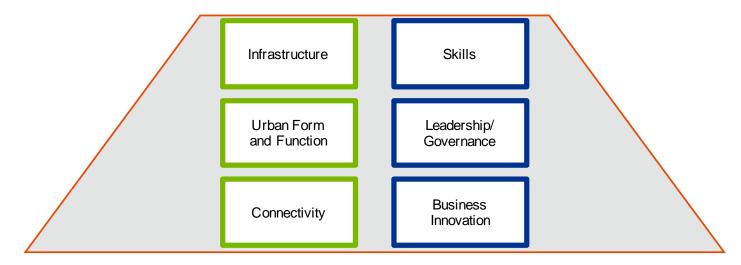
What are we trying to achieve?



- · How do we maximise injections into the economy?
- How do we minimise leakages from the economy?
- How do we maximise the number and value of transactions within our economy?



What are the preconditions that government can influence?



Preconditions that Government can Influence



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Capital Intensive Preconditions

Infrastructure

Urban Form and Function

Connectivity

1. What are the infrastructure constraints currently affecting industry productivity?

- 2. Which infrastructure investments would unlock the greatest growth in output?
- 3. How can government best enable infrastructure investment, through both policy and funding mechanisms?
- 1. What are the urban infrastructure requirements that are inhibiting workforce functionality?
- 2. How do our communities compare to other regions as competitive residential destinations for all demographics of the workforce and community?
- 1. How can infrastructure connect high value industry sectors more efficiently to improve their productivity and output?
- 2. What are the infrastructure investments that will unlock the greatest economic benefit by bringing supply chains closer together?
- 3. What are the current deficiencies in our regional transport and communication networks that are limiting greater connectivity?



Human/ Labour Intensive Preconditions

| Skills | 1. | How well do local education and training providers suit the skills mix required by industry? |
|------------------------|----|---|
| | 2. | What are the key workforce development issues challenging industry growth? |
| Leadership/ Governance | 1. | How are existing peak body and government structures and policies influencing industry development? |
| | 2. | How do local, regional and national industry engagement and promotion activities support the development of local economic development opportunities? |
| Business Innovation | 1. | To what extent are there opportunities for local businesses to expand to service a greater share of high-value supply chains? |
| | 2. | How do existing industry clusters support industry diversification into new value-adding offerings? |
| | 3 | How is government supporting/incentivising innovative activity in key |

3. How is government supporting/incentivising innovative activity in key growth sectors?



Natural Environment



Preconditions that Regions are Endowed with

- To what extent do terrain and geography influence the relative feasibility of the opportunity?
- To what extent do the natural resources in a region predispose it to differing high-value economic activities?
- To what extent do climactic conditions influence business investment risk/ reward?

