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Planning for a Vibrant future

OUR SHARED VISION

What will the Northern Territory look like as its population grows?

The Northern Territory is a truly spectacular place to live, work, play and visit. It is a Territory full of opportunity for our young, enterprising and focussed population. A population that is blessed to live in an environment where some of the world's most remarkable natural attractions and breathtaking landscapes are on the doorstep of our thriving population centres and economies.

Over time our population will grow, especially as we are joined by migrants from interstate and around the world that are attracted to our enviable lifestyle and economic opportunity.



The vision contained in this document outlines what our cities, towns and regions must consider to ensure this future growth builds vibrant communities, protecting what Territorians love most, our lifestyle and unique character.

This document will support and guide future development as set out in the Northern Territory Economic Development Framework and 10 Year Infrastructure Strategy. Government is working to provide the certainty that business and industry require to plan for future growth.

Territorians can be confident that our roads, education, health, essential services and community infrastructure will keep pace with a growing population.

Our shared vision in this document aims to harmonise land use planning with the Government's overall strategy for developing the Northern Territory. Strategic land-use planning plays a central role in managing sustainable and orderly growth. It harnesses economic opportunities and establishes the location and scale of future infrastructure requirements to support communities.

Prioritising expansion and urban redevelopment opportunities close to existing urban centres will allow future development to follow an orderly sequence and at a scale which generates the required economic viability for services, local jobs and supporting infrastructure. This will bring renewed energy to our communities and local economies while maintaining neighbourhood character, increasing housing options and protecting valued heritage, culture and natural assets.

The Territory Government is improving the liveability of our cities and towns through innovative and smart infrastructure investment that complements our climatic conditions. Greening and cooling initiatives will bring a bustling vitality to our cities as locals and tourist alike embrace the renewed walkability, laneways and previously underused linkages within our CBD's.

The Territory's rich cultural heritage is central to the future development of our regions and communities. The Territory Government recognises that cultural and community events, arts and festivals are an important aspect of our Territory lifestyle.

Continued support of these events is an investment in the Territory Culture and integral to developing vibrant communities.

A vibrant Northern Territory must be a safe and welcoming Northern Territory. Locals and visitors alike must feel safe in our CBD's and regional towns. Government is investing in generational change to support the most vulnerable in our community, reducing anti-social behaviour and putting an end to alcohol fuelled violence and crime.

By working together, industry, government and community will lead the rejuvenation of our cities and towns. The underlying focus is on building an interconnected network of functioning centres to create practical, safe, welcoming, flourishing and well serviced places to live, work, play and visit.

The Planning for a Vibrant Future document sets out our aspirational goals and themes to manage the future growth of our regions.

The Northern Territory Government will continue to engage and empower local communities to ensure that future development of our towns and regions meets the expectations of local Territorians and supports our shared Vision for a Vibrant Future.



**PLANNING FOR A VIBRANT
FUTURE//**

Planning for a Vibrant Future focusses on key growth areas, creating individual visions for key towns and cities including:

DARWIN // *Australia's northern capital*

PALMERSTON // *the family city*

DARWIN'S RURAL AREA // *unique rural lifestyle*

WEDDELL // *a new tropical city*

COX PENINSULA // *saltwater living*

KATHERINE // *a logistics & agribusiness hub*

TENNANT CREEK // *a mining services centre*

ALICE SPRINGS // *Australia's inland capital*

NHULUNBUY // *Arnhem's peninsula paradise*

REGIONAL & REMOTE // *our cultural landscape*



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DARWIN

Australia's northern capital

As Australia's tropical capital and capital of the Northern Territory, Darwin is positioned to take advantage of its close ties to Asia with its deep-water harbour, strong transport links, proximity to agricultural centres and a young, skilled and adventurous population.

Drawing on Darwin's status as northern Australia's commercial, cultural, administrative, tourist and civic capital, we are transforming our retail and living space to attract people to live, work and play here.

Open avenues of cooling trees, refreshing water features, sanctuaries of greenery and over-arching tree canopies will create a cooling energy that will make our city more vibrant and liveable.

Smart transport and walking connections will draw people from the harbour and the new luxury hotel through enhanced waterfront access to the revitalised CBD.

Our city's heart, State Square, will reflect our tropical character with beautiful open space reminiscent of the elegance of other great capitals of the world. The Square will feature a new fine arts gallery with undergrounding of car parking serving to reduce heat generation.

The areas circling the CBD – Frances Bay, the former tank farm and the Parap and Woolner ridge – provide opportunities to refresh historic areas in parallel with growth in the CBD. Revitalising these precincts will provide

a growing number of residents, city workers and tourists with a diverse offering of mixed-use developments. Better access to public transport will provide connections between the city, these urban precincts and other main centres in the region like Nightcliff.

Outside of the city peninsula, greenfield land releases at Muirhead and Lyons will cater for our population growth and create new tourism precincts strategically located to capitalise on the magnificent features of the Casuarina Coastal Reserve. The Northcrest development at Berrimah Farm will create a landmark centre with panoramic views of the city. At completion, it will house 7500 people close to the heart of Darwin. Casuarina is our premier retail centre and has the internationally recognised Charles Darwin University and Royal Darwin Hospital close by.

Darwin Port is the gateway to Asia that gives our industries the opportunity to develop, grow and connect with our trading partners. Developing marine industry at East Arm complements the growing port and business park and will support ship maintenance for our recreational and commercial fishing industries, as well as for defence and marine logistics.

The availability of land across Darwin is finite so thoughtful planning is needed to offer adequate and affordable residential and commercial options while preserving the lifestyle we value.

Our future planning identifies suitable locations for residential, commercial and industrial growth. It also plans for a range of strong and successful local and regional centres to sustain vibrant, well-

served and connected communities. These centres will diversify housing options, boost employment opportunities and make effective use of infrastructure.

Accessible community hubs such as the Darwin CBD, Casuarina and Berrimah will be focal points for employment, energised by higher density residential development, education facilities, public transport, professional services, shopping and recreation opportunities.

- 1 Nightcliff Activity Centre**
mixed commercial and residential development
- 2 Woolner**
mixed residential development
- 3 Old Tank Farm & Frances Bay**
residential and mixed-use development
- 4 Barneson Boulevard**
road construction
- 5 Muirhead & Lyons**
future residential growth
- 6 Berrimah Farm**
mixed-use residential development

Future growth



NEW RESIDENTIAL & TOURISM //
New residential and tourism opportunities at Muirhead, Lyons and Lee Point.

SPORTING FACILITIES //
Developing new homes for rugby league, netball and tennis.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //
New and improved education facilities at Bullocky Point.

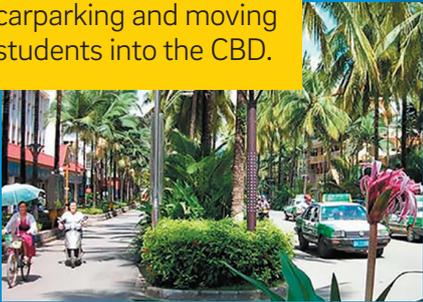
WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT //
Future international standard water theme park.

LUXURY HOTEL OFFERING //
Soon to be constructed on the Waterfront.

NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT EAST ARM //
Supporting port and marine and infrastructure developments.

CBD REVITALISATION //
Revitalising Darwin's CBD, including a new fine arts gallery in State Square, underground carparking and moving students into the CBD.

A NEW SHIP LIFT FACILITY //
Supporting the defence and maritime industries with construction of a common user facility.



PALMERSTON

The family city

Palmerston is our fastest growing city and will ultimately provide homes, family and community space and facilities for more than 70 000 people.



Palmerston's modern housing reflects a contemporary and diverse mix of living options for young and old, shaping its own identity as a family city focussing on friendly open space and dynamic recreational, retail and commercial facilities.

Fast becoming a regional hub for health, education, police and defence services, the services and facilities of Palmerston Regional Hospital, a university campus and the close proximity to the major defence establishment at Robertson Barracks are promoting further growth in the region. This growth drives demand for social infrastructure, including community facilities, health services, police services and aged care.

The allure of the brand-new Gateway Shopping Centre and the reassuring presence of the Palmerston Regional Hospital will attract people to live in Palmerston's growing CBD. Higher density housing, a new commercial boulevard and modern offices will establish the city as the core activity hub and create a bustling, vibrant and energised city centre.

Our planning identifies future growth for greenfield release areas on the fringe of Palmerston, including Farrar West, Holtze, Kowandi and Mitchell. A network of walking and cycling tracks will link the new suburbs to enhance Palmerston's emerging identity as active, green and spacious. Holtze and Kowandi will build on existing infrastructure to create a diverse, urban environment with new schools, health facilities and neighbourhood shopping centres.

This vision recognises that future residents of Holtze/Kowandi will use Palmerston's existing community and social infrastructure, and will also contribute to the population base required to realise the potential of a vibrant and thriving Palmerston CBD.

Upgrades to regional boat ramps will provide better facilities for recreational users.

The south and west of Palmerston, central to the key transport and connection lines, enable industrial development to take advantage of

areas where natural and man-made constraints prevent the potential for residential development. Both Wishart Road and Pinelands are strategically located adjacent to Darwin's East Arm Port, only minutes away from the city centre and other industrial areas in Darwin.

Developing land at Elrundie and Middle Arm Peninsula will create opportunities for strategic light and general industrial development to provide a vital employment node for the growing city.

- 1 **Palmerston CBD**
future commercial and residential infill
- 2 **Farrar West**
future residential expansion
- 3 **Holtze/Kowandi**
future residential development
- 4 **Zuccoli**
residential suburb

DEFENCE //

A strengthened defence presence at Robertson Barracks.



BETTER HEALTH //

Providing a new 116-bed hospital for the residents of Palmerston and the Rural Area.



SAFER COMMUNITIES //

Improving community safety with a new Palmerston Police Station and community youth centre.



HOUSING INVESTMENT //

Private-sector development supported by investment in infrastructure.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //

Supporting our children with new pre-school and primary school at Zuccoli.

 Future growth



Future growth

PRESERVING ENVIRONMENT //

Minimising the impact on groundwater through investment in water reticulation and sewerage.



BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //

New and improved education facilities at Taminmin College.

MAINTAINING LIFESTYLE //

Potential increased housing choice and services for rural residents while maintain rural lifestyle amenity with rural centre planning for Howard Springs, Coolalinga, Humpty Doo and Hughes-Noonamah.



DARWIN'S RURAL AREAS

unique rural lifestyle

Preserving the character and amenity of the rural area is vitally important. This requires a delicate balance between the competing demands to provide housing choice and services for a growing population, protecting the environment and avoiding the uncertainty of ad-hoc development.

Darwin's rural area provides for a unique lifestyle, with large lot sizes and extensive ribbons of native bushland that are enjoyed by residents and provide corridors for native fauna. The rural lifestyle allows for individuality to be expressed with ample space to pursue a wide range of activities, such as market gardens, raising animals or artistic endeavours, which can't be accommodated in the urban environment.

The spacious reserve at Freds Pass provides a diversity of recreational opportunities, including equestrian, football, athletics, paintball, archery and arts and crafts.

Howard Springs, Coolalinga, Humpty Doo and Berry Springs provide rural centres for local residents. These centres safeguard the unique lifestyle and longstanding character of the rural area by focussing population growth close to commercial centres and offering housing choices that preserve the feeling of freedom and space for rural residents.

Planning for each rural centre will focus on development of these centres into hubs for local employment and community services that can be accessed by the broader rural area. Growing the rural area will also see improved transport links to the main employment nodes in Darwin and Palmerston, and connect the rural area itself.

Private developers have identified land for potential new centres at Noonamah Ridge, Weddell East and Elizabeth Valley for future growth of the rural area. These centres could extend the rural area

south and contribute to housing choice, infrastructure and community services.

The extraction of sand, gravel and rock materials in the Darwin rural area supplies the construction industry of the region. Access to extractive mineral sites must be maintained, but with greater consideration of the impacts on the environment and growth of the region.

The Northern Territory Government has heard community views about future development in the Hughes / Noonamah locality. The Government will continue to assess private development proposals for the Hughes / Noonamah locality in line with existing planning and environmental legislation.

Further detailed consultation will be required on these proposals, the outcome of which will inform any final decisions to allow these proposals to be developed.

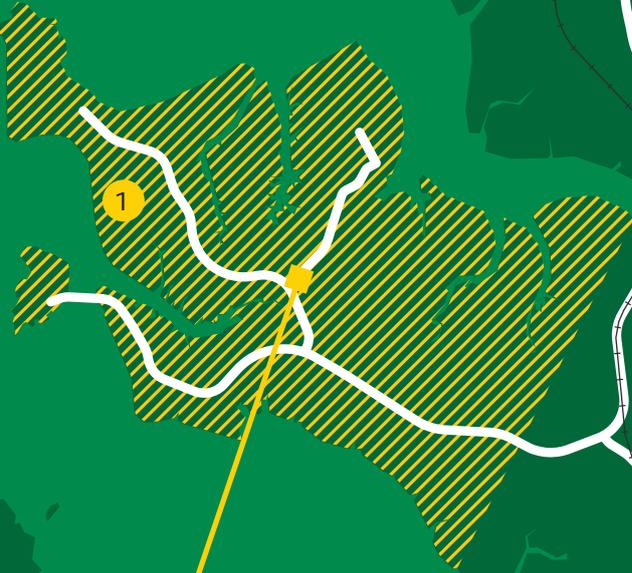
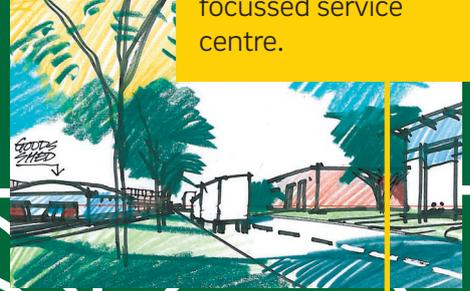
Potential industrial land sites, such as Glyde Point, have been earmarked and protected for future development. Glyde Point is suitable for a deep-water port, further major gas-based industrial development and general industry. The proposed urban area at Murrumujuk will give employees a chance to live locally with transport and infrastructure corridors set aside to provide access to the broader region.

- 1 Murrumujuk**
residential supporting strategic industrial development
- 2 Howard Springs**
rural centre
- 3 Coolalinga/Freds Pass**
rural centre
- 4 Humpty Doo**
rural centre
- 5 Hughes-Noonamah**
potential rural centres & rural lifestyle
- 6 Berry Springs**
rural centre



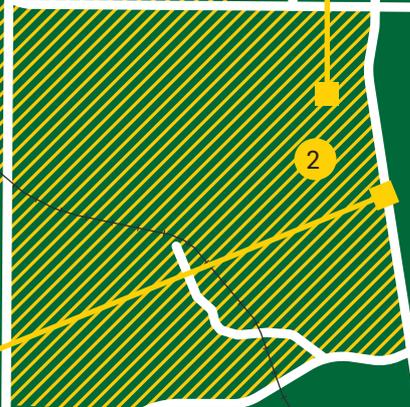
PLANNING FOR A CITY //

Including tropical amenity and a job-focused service centre.



INVESTMENT IN STRATEGIC INDUSTRY //

Allows for private investment in oil, gas and other significant projects.



HARNESSING AMENITY //

Seamless connectivity to the existing network.



 Future growth

WEDDELL

a new tropical city

Fifteen minutes out of Palmerston and with water connections to Darwin, Weddell is a blank canvas for a new tropical city to support our urban growth as Palmerston reaches capacity.



The Weddell vision is to accommodate future population growth within a viable new town centre that offers convenient and walkable access to local employment, education, shopping, recreational and community facilities.

The future city of Weddell is a key component of plans to accommodate long-term urban growth in the Darwin region following the development of Holtze, Kowandi and areas more proximate to Darwin. The cost of infrastructure means that the timing of Weddell must coincide with periods of high and sustained population growth. At the appropriate time, Weddell will be developed as an exemplary, sustainable primary activity centre offering smart technology, regional accessibility and convenience.

Over time, Weddell will service the broader region and anchor the activity triangle between Palmerston, Darwin and the rural area.

Planning for Weddell will be inspired by the open beauty of the surrounding landscape. The new city will provide environmentally attractive living areas that connect seamlessly to the existing urban network. Weddell's development will be sensitive to the balance between the need for extractive industries, protecting the natural environment and providing a variety of housing options.

Creating this city requires smart planning, along with investigative studies, to ensure the enabling infrastructure is cost-efficient and meets environmental standards. Planning for a new city will also need to provide for social infrastructure to cater for future families.

Investigations for the city of Weddell are underway and will build on the land-capability studies and community input already provided. These investigations will focus on existing power and water connections along Jenkins Road to create a framework for services.

As the western areas of Weddell are ideally situated close to Middle Arm, these areas will provide future growth for the region's major industry.

- 1 **Middle Arm**
strategic industry development
- 2 **Weddell**
future city

COX PENINSULA

saltwater living

The Cox Peninsula is embraced by Darwin and Bynoe Harbours and will emerge as a saltwater city with water-based public transport connecting to the Darwin CBD and Palmerston. Boasting ready access to the beach and fishing opportunities, Cox Peninsula offers the lifestyle Territorians hold dear.



Although developing Cox Peninsula alone would drive growth, the formulation of development concepts would require comprehensive investigations into land capability and options for provision of transport and essential services. Due to limited local freshwater resources and the high cost of infrastructure to support urban scale development, substantial development of Cox Peninsula will be dependent on a period of high growth. Land and infrastructure planning is critical to ensuring the Northern Territory is prepared for population demand that would support development of Cox Peninsula.

The recent resolution of the longstanding Kenbi land claim provides a rare and exciting opportunity for long-term development of the sparsely populated Cox Peninsula. Ensuring the creation of a special harbour place will involve working in partnership with the Traditional Owners to respect cultural values which connect people to the sea.

With its key strategic location, Cox Peninsula has the potential to cater for a diversity of land uses ranging from residential and commercial, with associated community facilities and services, to industrial uses with access to deep water.

Largely free from environmentally sensitive mangroves and other wetlands, Cox Peninsula could host a coastal living style that rivals any other Australian beachside. With

attractive amenities like rural seclusion and natural recreation opportunities, combined with ease of water travel to central Darwin, Cox Peninsula has the potential to become a highly-sought-after residential address.

Once established, Cox Peninsula would form the "north shore" of Darwin, framing the harbour for a unique saltwater lifestyle and focussing development to the west to create a wealth of housing opportunities.

In partnership with Weddell and Palmerston, the three locations would minimise commuter car use to Darwin and position themselves as strategic centres for the region.

Future growth



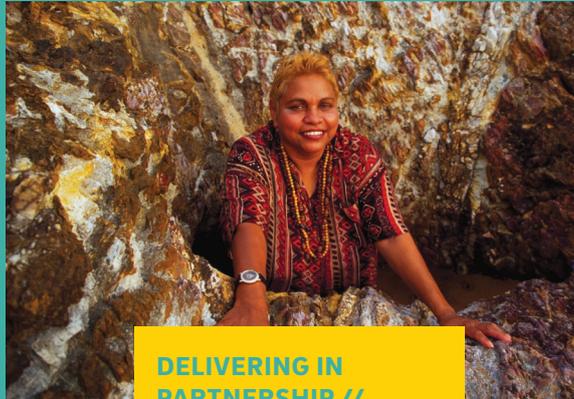
FRAMING THE HARBOUR //

Emerging as a water centre for saltwater living.



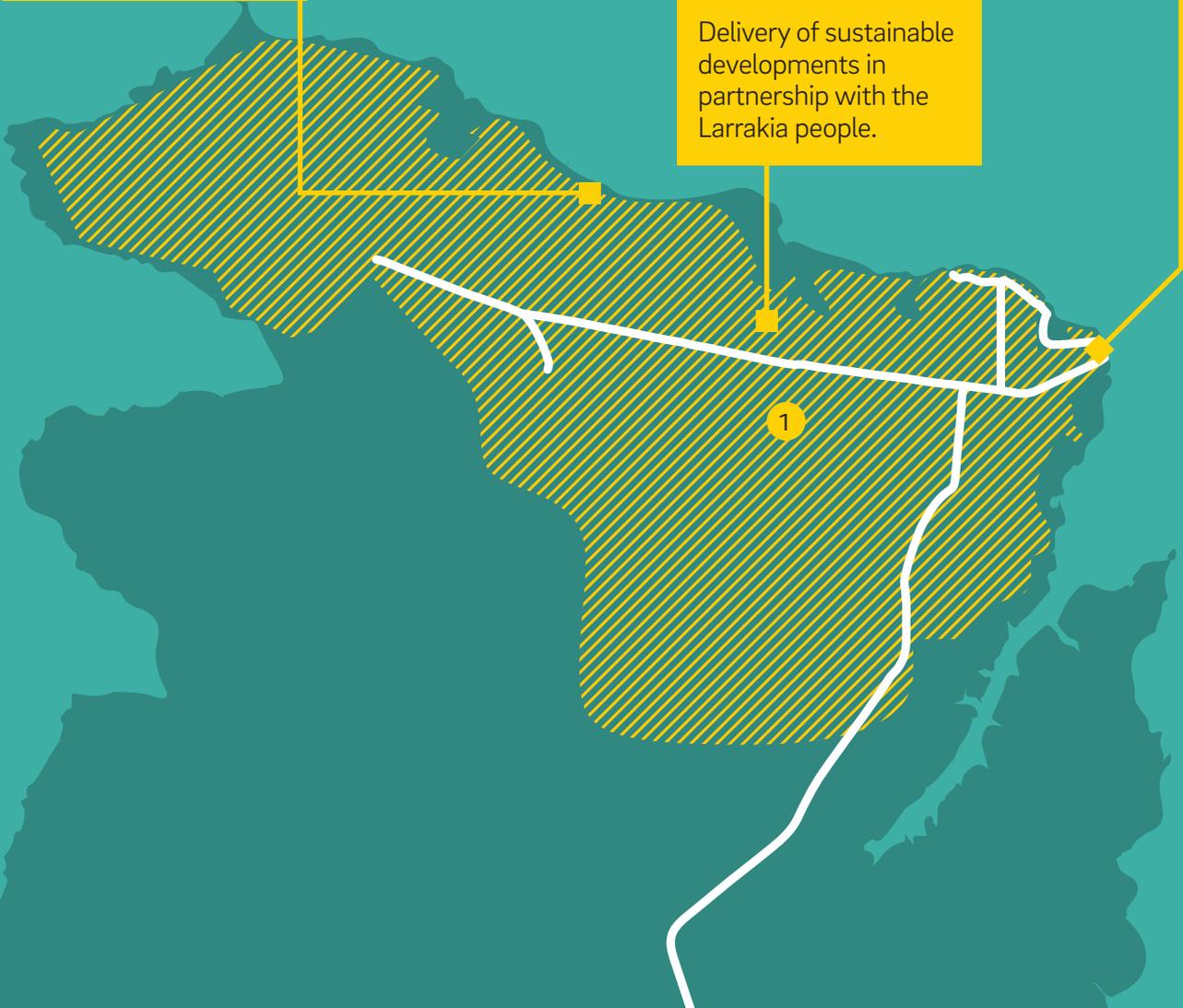
LIFESTYLE //

Offering a way of life Territorians hold dear.



DELIVERING IN PARTNERSHIP //

Delivery of sustainable developments in partnership with the Larrakia people.



KATHERINE

a logistics & agribusiness hub

Natural opportunities for Katherine to grow into a significant logistics and agribusiness hub are buoyed by the town's position at the junction of the two major highways and rail line surrounded by productive pastoral and horticultural land.



Katherine is a resilient town with a fighting spirit and a unique character from its pioneering days. Blessed with the wet climate of the north and good transport links to our interstate neighbours, the Katherine region is enhanced by diverse industries including defence, mining, transport, health and tourism.

The Katherine urban centre services the immediate local population, regional towns and communities and many seasonal visitors who explore the surrounding river systems, rich cultural heritage and broader natural resources.

The main business centre on Katherine Terrace has a bustling pace and a mix of retail outlets. Services and facilities for residents and business include a shopping centre, restaurants and bars, financial institutions, medical professionals and commercial office space.

With improvements to Nitmiluk National Park, the natural treasures of the region are emerging as international attractions and Katherine is making its own mark in the tourism industry. Upgrades to the Savannah Way will link the Territory, through Katherine, to Broome in the west and Cairns in the east. An arts trail snaking up from Central Australia through Katherine to Darwin will showcase new and deeper Aboriginal and cultural experiences for visitors.

Developing agricultural and horticultural industries and upgrading local and regional freight infrastructure will boost future employment in the region. Creating a new logistics hub and industrial park will align road and rail transport with developing industries. Along with a new heavy-vehicle transport route, the logistics hub will strengthen this inland port as a central point between Western Australia and Queensland. The heavy-vehicle transport route will give Katherine greater flood immunity with a crucial second river crossing.

Our plan for Katherine supports future growth of the town. Greenfield land in Katherine East, which is free from flooding, is available for further residential development to extend the existing urban area that hugs the mighty Katherine River. Our plan also identifies a possible new hospital site, a new neighbourhood centre to support Katherine's growing population, and opportunities for rural lifestyle lots close to the town centre.

- 1 Katherine East**
future residential expansion
- 2 Manbulloo**
future logistics and agribusiness hub

**DRIVING
EMPLOYMENT //**

Developing our agricultural, horticultural and forest industries.



**TERRITORY
ART TRAIL //**

Increasing and improving infrastructure for the Katherine Arts community.



**IMPROVING
TRANSPORT
OPTIONS //**

Providing an alternative truck route through Katherine.

 Future growth

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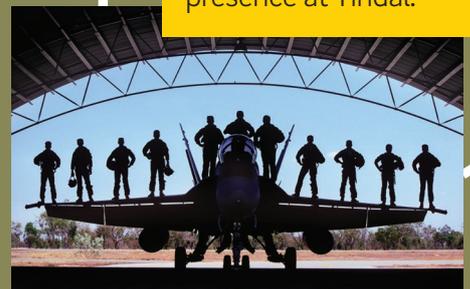
**LOGISTICS AND
AGRIBUSINESS HUB //**

Developing Katherine as a logistics hub in recognition of its position of a key agribusiness centre for the Northern Territory with key inter-modal transport links.

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**DEFENCE
INVESTMENT //**

Boosting the defence presence at Tindal.



TENNANT CREEK

a mining services centre

Central to many of the Territory's mineral deposits, Tennant Creek is strategically positioned to become an important services hub in support of mining and pastoral industries.



Tennant Creek cultivates a relaxed lifestyle in the Barkly through a range of recreational reserves, art and craft galleries, a town pool and Lake Mary Ann.

Tennant Creek's gold mining, pastoral history, Aboriginal culture and the iconic Karlu Karlu /Devil's Marbles provide the basis for Tennant Creek to become a thriving tourism and arts centre. Its strategic location also positions itself as a logistics base to service the mining and pastoral industries as well as future regional investment.

Untapped resources are expected to unlock the next phase of economic growth in the Barkly region. A current collaborative partnership with Geoscience Australia to map a 500-kilometre seismic line in the north-east of the Barkly will break open opportunities in the minerals sector. The Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline will link Tennant Creek to Mt Isa and create more than 900 jobs during construction.

Legacy mines provide opportunities to promote local employment and tourism, offering visitors the chance to step back in time and fossick.

The Barkly Tableland is the engine room of the Territory's pastoral industry and is unique, with natural treeless plains

stretching from horizon to horizon with abundant natural pastures.

Joint investment from the Australian and Territory Governments to improve beef roads in the Barkly will reinvigorate our vital livestock industry. Work will also continue with the Queensland and Australian Governments to realise the vision of a railway to Mt Isa and the east coast of Australia.

Residential land releases in Peko Road provide for new housing development. This will complement urban infill that takes advantage of fully serviced existing lots in order to accommodate future workforce and population growth. The Udall Road Industrial Estate will give businesses the foundation to support the town as it transforms into a logistics hub.

As another stepping stone along the Aboriginal arts trail from Alice Springs to Darwin, the region's Aboriginal art and culture will be showcased.

- 1 Udall Road**
industrial expansion
- 2 Peko Road**
residential expansion

//// Future growth

GROWING OUR TERRITORY //

Residential land release to accommodate population growth.

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BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //

Early childhood integrated learning centre and upgraded sports facilities.

SUPPORTING INDUSTRY //

Provision of industrial land to support mining related business.

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FUTURE ENERGY SECURITY //

Investing in the future with the construction of a 623km Northern Gas Pipeline from Tennant Creek to Mt Isa to access eastern state markets.



TERRITORY ART TRAIL //

Extending the Tennant Creek art gallery.

UPGRADING BEEF ROADS //

Supporting the beef industry through improving Tablelands Highway and Barkly Stock Route.



Future growth

BETTER HEALTH //

Investing in upgrades to the Alice Springs Hospital.



REVITALISING THE CBD //

Injecting new life into the town centre.

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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS //

Building resilient communities through flood mitigation measures

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ENHANCING TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES //

Supporting tourism investment throughout the Centre.

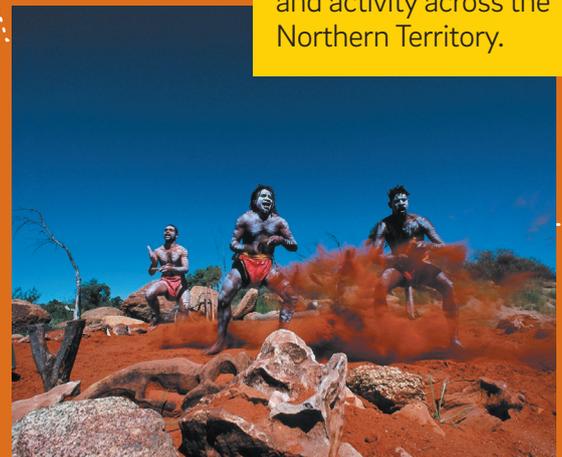
CELEBRATING CULTURE //

Building a cultural centre in Alice Springs to tell the story of Aboriginal Australia before and after European contact. Developing an iconic National Aboriginal Art Gallery.



TERRITORY ART TRAIL //

Creating a world class art trail linking Aboriginal art centres and activity across the Northern Territory.



ALICE SPRINGS

Australia's inland capital

Alice Springs is the inland capital of Australia. The town has a strong heritage and is the epicentre for Aboriginal arts and culture.

The rich cultural heritage of Alice Springs, also known as Mparntwe, derives from the Arrernte Aboriginal people's spiritual and physical association with this place since the altyerre or dreamtime. The stunning landscape is imbued with the stories of the Dreamtime including those of the Yeperenye, Ntyarlke and Utnerrengatye caterpillars who converged on Mparntwe and gave the landscape form and meaning. This wealth of cultural knowledge combined with the spectacular landscape of Alice Springs and surrounds inspires local and regional Aboriginal artists and lends a logic to Alice Springs being the epicenter for Aboriginal art and culture.

Our vision for Alice Springs is for it to emerge as a thriving and energetic business hub in the centre of Australia and to acknowledge the significance of its cultural heritage.

- 1 **Larapinta Valley**
future residential potential
- 2 **Mt Johns**
future residential potential
- 3 **Emily Hills**
future residential potential
- 4 **Arumbera**
future industrial development
- 5 **Kilgariff**
residential development

Rejuvenating the town's CBD and expanding its tourism potential will create a sound economic foundation for Alice Springs as the gateway to Central Australia and its iconic tourist destinations. Exploring strategic partnerships focussed around Central Australia's natural advantages – geography, climate, resources, culture and landscape – will highlight opportunities to grow.

Building a National Aboriginal Art Gallery is a catalyst to revitalising Alice Springs and confirming it as the cultural centre of Aboriginal Australia. The new facility will be the springboard to an arts trail linking galleries across the Territory, including those in Tennant Creek, Katherine, East Arnhem and Darwin.

Laneways and underused linkages throughout the town present opportunities to inject colour and life into the CBD with new retail and commercial offerings and amenities.

A love of sport sits deep within the psyche of Alice Springs. Iconic sporting events such as the Masters Games, netball, football, rugby league, the Finke Desert Race and mountain biking are increasing the town's reputation as a world-class sporting destination.

The hidden gems of our central capital and its picturesque surrounds will be revealed to the world through niche and mainstream tourism marketing supported by improved road infrastructure including the Mereenie Loop, Namatjira Drive, Lasseter Highway and duplication of the Stuart Highway through Heavitree Gap. These improved roads will attract more travellers to the region and stimulate private business ventures.

Alice Springs Airport is one of the largest in land area in Australia. The airport is the doorway to Central Australia's rich tourism offerings, including our iconic Uluru, and has diversified to include a range of mixed-use business activities.

The profile of Alice Springs' city centre is changing as the city matures. Our plan is to support the city to mature and grow by infill residential development and enabling taller buildings that cement the town as a landmark. New greenfield residential land developments at Kilgariff, Mt Johns, South Edge, Emily Hills and Larapinta will provide housing opportunities for new Territorians, while ensuring sustainable use of scarce water resources.

Alice Springs has appropriately zoned land to support industry and business in servicing the region and growing the local economy. Development of solar energy has the potential to boost economic growth while preserving the environment.

The cattle industry is the heart and soul of agribusiness in the region and there is potential for horticultural and other agricultural development identified through land-capability studies.

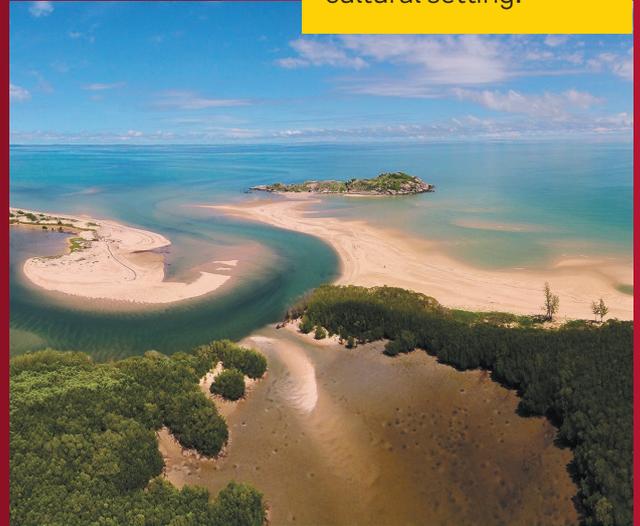


PORT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES //

Port infrastructure will act as a catalyst for new industry.

UNRIVALLED LANDSCAPES //

Unspoilt natural and cultural setting.



BETTER HEALTH //

Supporting East Arnhem health services with additional works at Gove District Hospital.



BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //

Nhulunbuy High School enhanced with new marine, hospitality and construction training centres.

TERRITORY ART TRAIL //

Including East Arnhem art galleries in the Aboriginal art trail.



NHULUNBUY

Arnhem's peninsula paradise

Surrounded by white sandy beaches and the deep blue Arafura Sea, Nhulunbuy, the capital of the East Arnhem region, offers a unique opportunity for all to make the most of the rich cultural and natural advantages of the region.



The Gove Peninsula offers a lifestyle like no other place in the Territory. Residents take advantage of the natural and cultural setting and enjoy the benefits of facilities, services and infrastructure that are commensurate with bigger towns and provide for future growth.

The rich Yolngu culture attracts people from all over Australia and beyond, and the Nhulunbuy community has committed to living in harmony and partnership with the Yolngu land owners.

The relaxed community spirit is reflected in the town's popular sport and recreation clubs and facilities, with three public boat ramps, an Olympic-sized public swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts, ovals, motorsports complex, BMX track and motocross track.

Nhulunbuy boasts an airport and runway able to accommodate large aircraft, with connections to other centres in the Territory and Queensland. Capitalising on the region's port infrastructure will catalyse new industry and opportunities for job creation.

Major upgrades to the Gove District Hospital will support health provision across the region. A new boarding facility and trade-training facilities will contribute to the development of an education hub servicing the region.

Developing East Arnhem Ltd is working with land owners, investors and business to explore the region's significant growth potential in tourism, arts, fisheries and aquaculture, and primary industries and resources. These efforts will promote investment and development that respects the rich Yolngu culture and supports land-owner aspirations.

REGIONAL & REMOTE AREAS

our cultural landscape

Remote and regional areas make the Territory special and different from other parts of Australia. From the red and distinct desert of central Australia through to the lush tropical north, spectacular coastline and picturesque sunsets, the Territory has it all. The hugely diverse characteristics of each area and region of the Territory provide unique opportunities to celebrate art, culture and tourism.

The Territory's geographic remoteness, sense of frontier and outback adventure spirit give an experience unmatched by other states. The Territory is vast, covering over 1.3 million square kilometres with most of its 245,000 people concentrated in its main urban centres. There are also 73 remote communities, 43 town camps and over 500 homelands and outstations across the Territory.

Aboriginal people are significant land owners and custodians of our land and coastline and we recognise their spiritual and cultural connection with this land. Aboriginal people make up a third of the Territory's population, giving the Territory distinct character and appeal because of the unique qualities Aboriginal culture brings.

Spectacular natural and unique cultural assets are important elements for consumers in choosing a holiday destination and the Territory has them in spades. With two World Heritage-listed national parks and over 40 other national parks, nature reserves, conservation areas and marine parks, the Territory offers a wide variety of tourism experiences.

Remote regions possess a unique culture and beauty which have as yet untapped potential for economic development.

As Territorians, we are proud of our identity our cultural diversity and willingness to work together to achieve great things. Our vast distances present challenges in servicing, providing infrastructure and access to support our remote communities which are located across the Territory.

Remote and regional areas throughout the Territory are continuing to grow and develop. The Government is committed to working and engaging with local communities to undertake planning that ensures people have access to services and housing that are available in comparable towns across Australia. This is essential to providing Territorians with a healthy start to life, a good education and opportunities for employment.

Our strength will be working together to grow our remote and regional areas for future Territorians.



ON THE TRAIL OF ARTS & CULTURE //

Investing in our art, culture and tourism. The Government will work with established galleries in Aboriginal communities to ensure they are linked to form an Aboriginal arts trail beginning in Alice Springs and connecting to upgraded or new galleries across the Territory.



IMPROVED AND NEW HOUSING //

Delivering \$1.1billion to the remote housing program over ten years, including the Room to Breathe Program.



BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS //

Investing in education through new and upgraded schools to create a safe, healthy and quality learning environment as a pathway to skills and jobs to build our economy.



IMPROVING ACCESS //

Improving and upgrading our roads to assist in connecting communities.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE //

Providing new and improved power, water and sewerage services to communities.

IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES //

Investing in renal facilities, new facilities and outreach patient services for improved health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

