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## NT Fast Facts

<b>Land mass</b>	1,352,000 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population</b>	245,000 approx.
<b>Capital City</b>	Darwin
<b>Regional towns</b>	Alice Springs, Tennant Creek Katherine, Nhulunbuy

## Vibrant Community

The Northern Territory is cosmopolitan, as well as home of Australia's most vibrant Indigenous culture, with a multicultural population of over 100 nationalities.

- 30% of the population is Indigenous
- 23% of the population speaks a language other than English at home
- Over 100 nationalities represented in the local population

## Strong Economic Growth

- Economy grew by 10.5% to \$22.5b in 2014-15; the highest in Australia *source: ABS Cat 5220.0*
- Business confidence grew by 3 percentage points to a net balance of 27% in the March quarter 2016 *source: Sensis Business Index*

- Unemployment rate of 4.5% in March 2016 is the second lowest in Australia *source: Cat 6202.0* Engineering construction activity increased by 23.5% to \$7.3b in the year to March 2016 *source: ABS Cat 8762.0*
- Annual population growth of 0.3% in September quarter 2015 *source: ABS Cat 3101.0*
- Consumer prices contained, with annual CPI decline of 0.3% in the March quarter 2016 *source: ABS Cat 6401.0*

## Infrastructure

- An international airport with no curfew
- A deep water port close to Asia
- Dedicated marine supply base
- Established national road and rail networks

## Health

- Royal Darwin Hospital
- Planned \$150m Palmerston Regional Hospital
- Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre
- National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre
- Royal Flying Doctor Service

## Education

A variety of choices in public and private schooling in line with Australian recognised standards, and extensive tertiary and vocational educational training.

## The Northern Territory (NT) Government strongly supports the Australian Government's commitment to build a strong, prosperous economy and a safe, secure Australia.

Northern Australia is broadly defined as the area of Australia north of the Tropic of Capricorn, spanning Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory, including Alice Springs. Northern Australia covers around three million square kilometres with a population of approximately one million people.

In June 2015 the Prime Minister of Australia, launched the much anticipated Northern Australia White paper. The paper, OUR NORTH, OUR FUTURE forms a plan for the next 5, 10 and 20 years for the people of the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory Government, as part of the Northern Australia Strategic Partnership, will provide coordinated national leadership and work collaboratively to inform the best implementation of the White Paper's six key policy areas.

## What is the Northern Australia Development Policy?

The framework for delivering the White Paper's actions is provided under six key policy directions.

The policy directions are as follows:

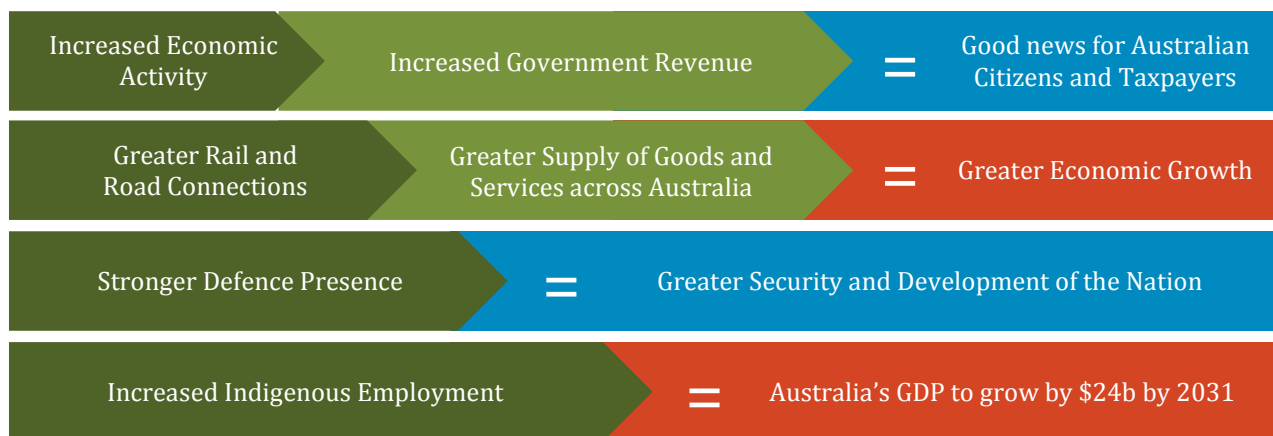
1. Simpler land arrangements to support investment
2. Developing the north's water resources
3. Our business, trade and investment gateway
4. Infrastructure to support growth
5. A northern workforce for growth
6. Good governance for northern Australia

## The Case for Developing Northern Australia

The case for Developing Northern Australia is more than just about northern Australia itself. This is a nation-building exercise that will deliver benefits for all of Australia. Unlocking and developing the full potential of northern Australia will boost the nation's prosperity - increasing exports, employment, national Gross Domestic Product, terms of trade and ensure we protect Australia's position among the world's top economies.

We also have to protect our beautiful environment and great lifestyle with the development being well-managed and sustainable.

## Developing Northern Australia: Good News for All Australians



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