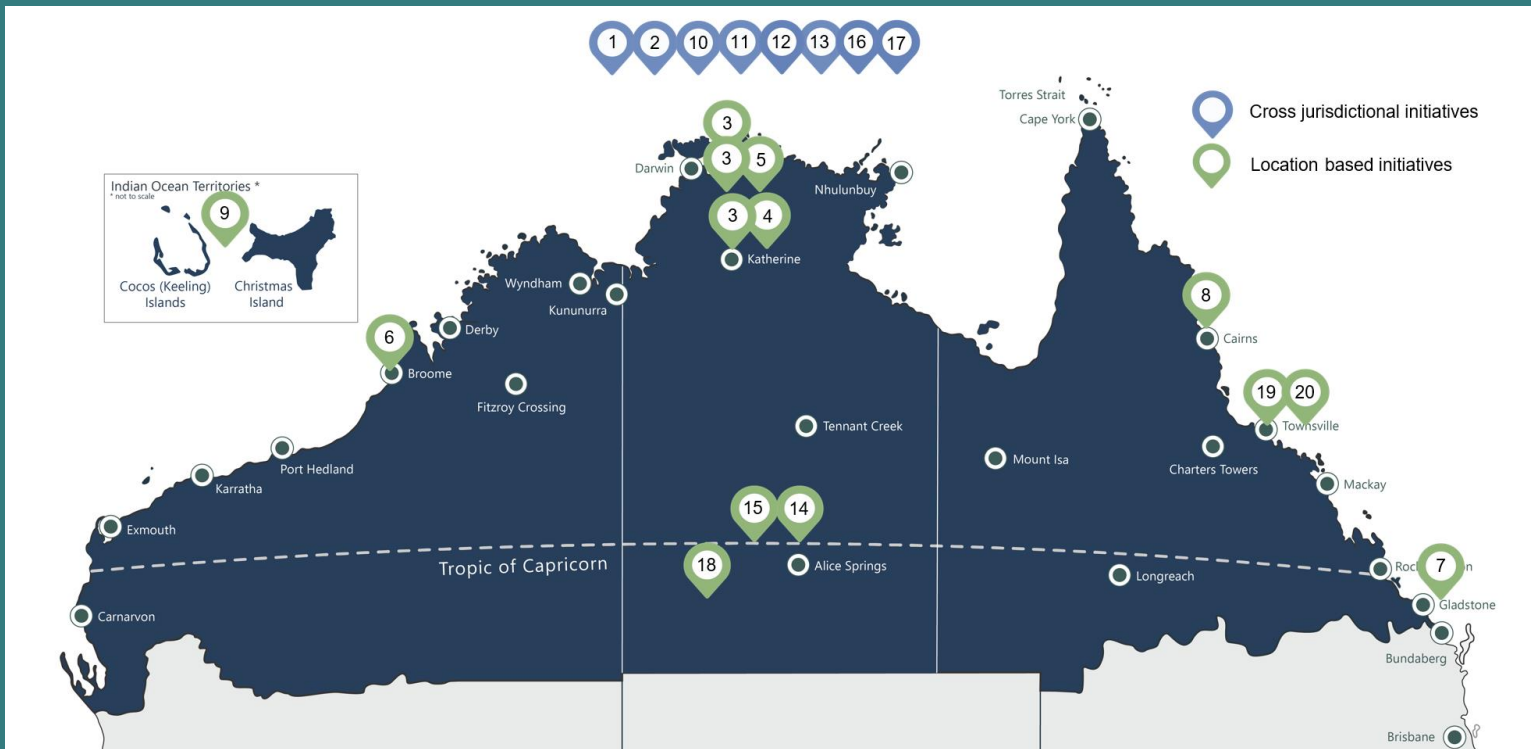


Investments for Northern Australia Budget 2023-24

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The Australian Government is investing in the north's future –
a strong sustainable and resilient economy for all Northern Australians



Northern Australia – new investments

- \$40.6m for the continuation of the Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program
- \$283.5m for the Enhanced High-Frequency Communications System
- \$64.1m for the Defence Renewable Energy and Energy Security Program
- \$427.2m for the facilities to support AIR 7000 Phase 1B Remotely Piloted Aircraft System
- \$389.1m for the Robertson Barracks Base Improvement Project
- \$5.6m for the continuity of employment services in Broome
- \$14.3m for supporting emissions reduction in Queensland's energy resources sector
- \$30m for regional development in Far North Queensland – Cairns Marine Precinct, bringing total investment to \$180m
- \$31.1m for infrastructure and essential services for the Indian Ocean Territories and Norfolk Island
- Refresh of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia to address the unique and complex challenges that hinder Northern Australia's development potential
- \$11.8m for improving remote food security
- \$38.4m for improving on Country education for First Nations students
- \$97.7m for the Transitioning from the Community Development Program to a New Jobs Program
- \$298.8m for the Better, Safer Future for Central Australia Plan
- \$111.7m for the Northern Territory Remote Housing One Year Agreement
- \$2b for increasing the Commonwealth guarantee of the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation's liabilities
- \$1.4b for the Powering the Regions Fund
- \$355.1m for protecting Australia's iconic national parks
- \$163.4m on securing the future of Australia's Marine Science
- \$4.2m for training primary care professionals in regional Australia

Highlights of the Australian Government's new investments into Northern Australia, committed through Budget 2023-24, are summarised. For detailed information on Budget 2023-24 visit budget.gov.au

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National initiatives directly benefiting Northern Australia

Biosecurity and Agriculture: \$40.6m for continuation of the Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program. Funding of \$40.6 million over 4 years from 2023-24 and \$12.0 million per year to continue the Indigenous Ranger Biosecurity Program to support a strengthened biosecurity system in Northern Australia. Australia's northern coastline is sparsely populated, with large parts of the country remote and hard to access. Including First Nations communities in key areas on Country across northern Australia in biosecurity activities has significant positive outcomes particularly in terms of early biosecurity detection and assisting with response.

Defence: \$283.5m for the Enhanced High-Frequency Communications System; \$64.1m for Defence Renewable Energy and Energy Security Program; \$427.2m for facilities to support AIR 7000 Phase 1B Remotely Piloted Aircraft System; \$389.1m for Robertson Barracks Base Improvement Project

Health: \$4.2m for training primary care professionals in regional Australia. This funding will support James Cook University (JCU) to train healthcare practitioners in Far North Queensland. This funding aims to connect investments in training across health workforce programs and to enhance services provided by JCU under contract with the GP Colleges.

Industry and community: \$5.6m for continuity of employment services in Broome. This measure will support the continuity of service for participants from the current Workforce Australia Services provider during the transition to new arrangements with a new First Nations provider supported by APS personnel. This arrangement will add unique local context and support the complex needs of the local community, largely impacting First Nations people.

First Nations: \$38.4m for improving on Country education for First Nations students. This funding will improve access to education for First Nations students and provide families with more choice in how their children engage in school by extending the range of education options available locally that reflect community needs and aspirations. \$11.8m for Improving food security in remote First Nations communities. This funding will address the unique and specific barriers to food security experienced in geographically isolated locations, including complex supply chains, difficult road access, limited commercial markets, seasonal isolation and high operating and maintenance costs.

Workforce and skills: \$30m for regional development in Far North Queensland's Cairns Marine Precinct. This investment will see delivery of a common user facility including a ship lift and work areas, supporting Far North Queensland's capacity to meet the forecast increase in demand for marine related services and further diversify the local economy.

Climate and the Environment: \$14.3m for supporting emissions reduction in Queensland's energy resources sector. This project will support the shared objective of the Australian and Queensland Governments to reach net zero by 2050. \$163.4m on securing the future of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS). \$355.1m for protecting Australia's iconic national parks. The Australian Government has committed to protect Commonwealth National Parks and deliver critical infrastructure funding to Mutitjulu, a medium-sized remote community within Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Infrastructure and Essential Services: \$31.1m for supporting the delivery of essential services and infrastructure to the Indian Ocean Territories and Norfolk Island.

