

Budget 2022-23

Building Economic Resilience in the North

The Australian Government is investing \$16.5 billion through Budget 2022-23 and MYEFO 2021-22 to build a strong and prosperous Northern Australia.

These investments support delivery of the Australian Government's next five year plan, *Our North, Our Future 2021-2026: Targeted Growth*, and reaffirms our commitment to growing diverse and resilient economies and communities in the north.

► Our priorities



Indigenous economic growth



Energy



Supply chain infrastructure



Communications



Water infrastructure



Affordable insurance



Critical minerals



Tourism recovery



Workforce training and education



Social services

► Key Northern Australia investments

\$2b in extra finance to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) for critical infrastructure projects, increasing total funding for the NAIF to \$7 billion

\$61.6m
for biosecurity capabilities and risk management activities

\$183.7m
to improve economic, social and health outcomes for Indigenous Australians in the NT

\$1b
for stewardship and protection of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR)

\$63.6m
to the Australian Institute of Marine Science for marine services and ongoing sustainability of the GBR

\$18m
for CareFlight to purchase a rescue helicopter and aeromedical jet

Water

\$5.4b
Hells Gate Dam scheme (QLD)

\$11.6m
North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority

\$7.1m
Adelaide River Catchment Water Allocation Plan (NT)

\$300.6m
Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program - Stage 1 (NT)

Roads

\$678m
Outback Way

\$385.4m
Northern Australian Roads Program expansion

Infrastructure Investment Program

\$438m
north QLD

\$237m
NT

\$40m
north WA

Regional Hubs

\$5.8b

\$1.5b

Pilbara, WA:
mining, mineral processing, manufacturing, hydrogen, and renewable energy

\$2.6b

NT: manufacturing, onshore processing of critical minerals, industrial and renewable energy hub

\$1.7b

QLD: water infrastructure and supply chain for water security and agriculture

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▶ National commitments benefiting the Northern Australia agenda

Workforce Training and Education

\$1.3b

to support employers to engage and retain new apprentices

\$3.7b

to address critical skills needs

\$153.5m

to address workforce shortages, support job seekers to find employment, and make it easier for vulnerable Australians to participate in the workforce

\$228.5m

to attract new teachers, improve teacher preparation, and improve education outcomes for students

\$430.1m

for University Research Commercialisation

Communications

\$1.3b

for national connectivity measures:

- \$811.8m to expand mobile coverage connectivity, resilience and affordability in regional Australia; and

- \$480m for NBN Co to upgrade its networks.

Insurance

\$8.6m

to support Affordable Housing and Home Ownership

\$10b

Affordable insurance from 1 July 2022

Tourism Recovery

\$146.5m

to accelerate international tourist and backpacker arrivals and support tourism sector recovery

Indigenous Economic Growth

\$636.4m

for the Indigenous Rangers Program

\$31.8m

to start implementation of Local and Regional Voices through the Indigenous Voice Co-design Process

\$98m

for the Community Development Program which provides employment services to Indigenous and non-Indigenous remote job seekers

\$37.5m

to build capacity of the Prescribed Bodies Corporate sectors

\$21.9m

to support the next generation of Indigenous leaders

Social Services

\$224.4m

to improve access to health services in rural and remote Australia

\$14.9m

in scholarships for rural and remote students to gain care and support qualifications

\$35.2m

to support Digital Health programs

Critical Minerals

\$250.5m

to help critical minerals projects reach market readiness through:

- \$200m to provide grants to advance projects through the planning, design, pilot and demonstration phases and;

- \$50.5m to establish a virtual Critical Minerals Research & Development Centre.

\$2b Regional Accelerator Program

Dedicated funding for regional businesses and communities to access programs, including the Modern Manufacturing Initiative, Australian Apprenticeships initiatives, Critical Minerals Accelerator Initiative, Export Market Development Grants, Recycling Modernisation Fund and Defence Industry programs.

Regional Employment and Business

\$550m

to train and upskill employees

\$1b

to support digital adoption and uptake improve technology

\$11.5m

for five pilots for the Remote Engagement Program, four of which are in Northern Australia

\$151.6m

for defence industry support programs which will assist in skilling northern businesses to participate in the defence industry