

The Australian Government is building on the achievements and progress made during the first five years of the *Our North, Our Future: White Paper on Developing Northern Australia* (White Paper).

From 2021-2026, the Government will invest in transformational and enabling projects through a whole-of-government approach, in partnership with state and territory governments. The Infrastructure Investment Program and the National Water Grid Authority will be key enablers to this growth.

Through capitalising on Northern Australia's geo-strategic location, we will enhance national security, biosecurity, the defence industry and associated infrastructure.

## ✓ What are our priorities?

- ♦ **Indigenous economic growth** – building capacity and supporting business and entrepreneurs;
- ♦ **Energy** – affordability and supporting infrastructure;
- ♦ **Supply chain infrastructure** – roads, rail, airports, storage and logistics;
- ♦ **Communications** – black spots and bandwidth;
- ♦ **Water infrastructure** – to support agricultural and industry development and water security;
- ♦ **Affordable insurance** – to support households and business;
- ♦ **Critical minerals** – value-add and diversification;
- ♦ **Tourism recovery** – bouncing back after COVID-19;
- ♦ **Workforce training and education** – addressing critical skills shortages and labour supply; and
- ♦ **Social services** – focusing on housing, health, and aged care.

## ★ How will we demonstrate success?

- ♦ Report on benefits and outcomes of investments
- ♦ Publish six-monthly updates on the Office of Northern Australia website
- ♦ Report twice a year to Government on progress against each Master Plan
- ♦ Deliver an Annual Statement to the Parliament

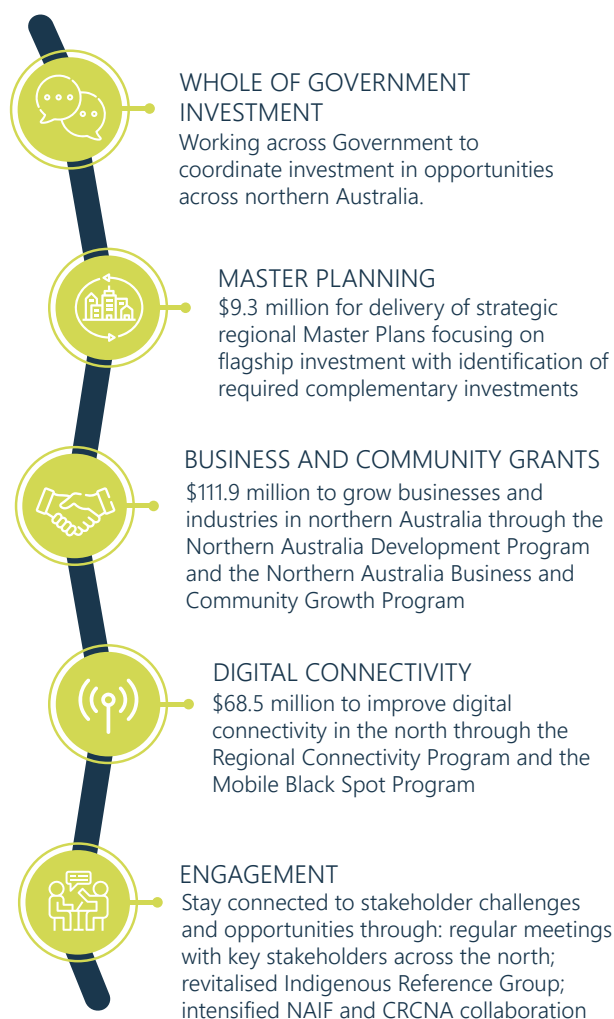


## Who are our partners?

- ♦ Australian Government
- ♦ Jurisdictions: Northern Territory, Queensland, and Western Australia
- ♦ Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
- ♦ Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia
- ♦ Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group



## How will we implement our priorities?



## STRATEGY ALIGNED WITH FOUNDATIONS OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Connectivity  
and infrastructure



Human capital  
and skills



Regional employment  
and business



Leadership  
and collaboration



Amenity and  
liveability



Sustainable  
natural resources

# Our North, Our Future: 2021-2026 Master Plans

The Australian Government has committed \$9.3 million to develop Master Plans to accelerate Regions of Growth and grow the Northern Australian economy.

The Master Plans will set out the strategic direction for efficient economic development. Master Plans will anchor resources and investment from across all levels of government to maximise the long-term public benefit of regional planning and development. Existing and planned projects will continue in parallel to the master planning process.

Master Plans will deliver a 20-year blueprint for the economic development of a region, supported by five-year action plans and regular progress reports.

The first three priority Master Plans will focus on locations within three Regions of Growth corridors:

- ♦ Beetaloo Basin to Katherine to Darwin
- ♦ Mount Isa to Townsville
- ♦ Broome to Kununurra to Darwin

An investment pipeline will be mapped out by mid-2022 and by late-2022 the Australian Government and jurisdictions will have identified preferred infrastructure investments.

The next priority Region of Growth corridor is Cairns to Gladstone (QLD). The master planning process for this will commence in late 2022.

Such investments may include workforce planning, roads and ports, supply chain logistics, water infrastructure, digital connectivity, housing, education and training, and Indigenous enterprise.

Regional Master Plans will be supported by an on-ground presence to focus on localised sectoral strengths.

Master Plans will help governments, decision-makers, Traditional Owners, land owners, and private investors better align investments across Northern Australia.

