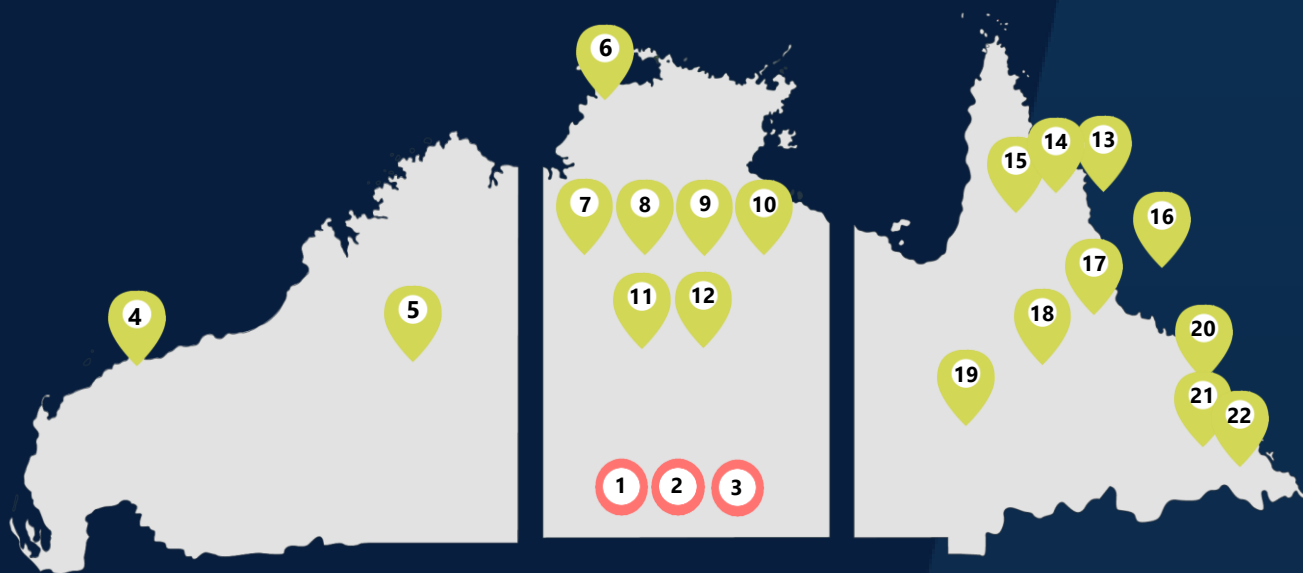


# Investments in Northern Australia - a vision for true nation-building Budget 2022-23

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The Australian Government is unlocking the huge potential of the North – building our national future Net Zero economy with transformative infrastructure and clean energy projects



## Northern Australia – new direct investments

### Northern Australia

1. Additional \$2b for the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
2. \$100m Critical Minerals Development Program; \$50.5m Critical Minerals Research and Development Hub
3. \$656m Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia package

### Western Australia

4. \$565m Pilbara common user port facilities
5. \$434.2m Tanami Road (WA) Freight Highway Upgrade Program

### Northern Territory

6. \$1.5b planned equity Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct
7. \$440m planned equity NT Regional Logistics Hubs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs
8. \$332m NT Strategic Roads Package; \$350m for Central Arnhem Hwy and Tanami Road
9. \$100m NT Homelands and Remote Housing
10. \$10.1m boost to CareFlight
11. \$17m for community safety, and family and domestic violence services, Central Aust.
12. \$19m First Nations health infrastructure, Central Aust.

### Queensland

13. \$150m Cairns Marine Precinct; \$50m Central Qld Uni, Cairns campus
14. \$107.5m Cairns Water Security
15. \$210m Kuranda Range Road
16. \$188.7m for the Great Barrier Reef
17. \$22m Lansdown Industrial Precinct; \$79.1m Townsville Hydrogen Hub
18. \$400m Inland Freight Route upgrades: Charters Towers to Mungindi
19. \$400m Queensland Beef Corridors
20. \$2m new Resources Centre of Excellence in Mackay
21. \$200m Bruce Highway Rockhampton to Gladstone; \$100m Gladstone Port Access Road
22. \$15.3m Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Research Centre, Gladstone

Highlights of the Australian Government's new investments in Northern Australia, Budget 2022-23, are summarised. For detailed information on Budget 2022-23 visit [budget.gov.au](https://budget.gov.au)

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## Northern Australia – critical investments for Australia’s future growth

**Northern Australia’s First Nations peoples are key partners in the Australian Government’s vision for the North. Their knowledge and custodianship will inform our policies across a range of portfolios – from cultural preservation and sacred sites, to energy projects, land management, climate and environment, biosecurity, health and housing, community and justice.**

Specific initiatives include: \$99m partnerships to address the tragedy of incarceration rates and deaths in custody; \$31.8m Indigenous Voice, local and regional voice implementation; \$2.5m to establish the First Nations Digital Advisory Group; \$14.1m to teach First Nations languages in primary schools across Australia; \$83.8m First Nations Microgrids Program; \$15.9m engaging with First Nations on climate change, incl. Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence; \$1.1b Natural Heritage Trust funding, incl Indigenous Protected Areas and Landcare Rangers; \$10.8m Marine Parks Management; \$48m First Nations health worker traineeships; \$500k Walpiri Cultural Project, Yuendumu NT

**Investments in the North will bring opportunity for all Australians as we work together to build a sustainable and equitable future**

**Energy:** \$157.9m for energy security and reliability; \$62.6m energy efficiency grants for small and medium size enterprises; \$20.3m Carbon Farming Outreach Program

**Biosecurity:** \$61m to bolster Australia’s biosecurity system - protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks; National Livestock traceability reform; Animal Welfare Strategy; Biosecurity dogs and trainers

**Industry and community:** \$15b National Reconstruction Fund; \$10b Housing Australia Future Fund; \$1b Growing Regions and Regional Precincts and Partnerships Programs; \$349.9m Investing in our Communities Program; \$10m to extend Questacon’s national STEM programs into regions; \$15m Boyne-Tannum Aquatic Centre; \$10m Gladstone Regional Indoor Sports Precinct; \$1m Borroloola NT ablution blocks

**Defence:** \$49.9m new facilities at RAAF Base Townsville; \$32.2m North Qld Simulation Park for industry hub and military simulation training facility Townsville; \$6.8m upgrade military working dog facilities at RAAF Base Tindal NT; \$200k NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry to upskill defence industry and small medium enterprises

**Climate and the Environment:** \$224.5m Threatened Species Action Plan to monitor and improve species recovery incl. koalas, yellow crazy ant control, combat gamba grass in the NT and planning under the EPBC Act

**Workforce and skills:** \$1b Skills Agreement negotiation with states and territories; \$100m Skilling the Clean Energy Workforce; \$67.5m expand and reform the Pacific Labour Mobility scheme; \$49.2m additional 100 Centrelink workers in Far North Qld; \$47.9m Tourism and Traveller Sector Support; \$22.6m additional in-training places for apprentices in regional and remote areas; \$12.9m to establish Jobs and Skills Australia

**Agriculture and forestry:** \$302m for climate-smart agriculture; \$199.9m Australian export and trade digital support; \$12.4m regional trade events like Beef Australia 2024; over \$205m to implement a better plan for forestry and forest products

**Health:** \$74.1m for rural doctor workforce; \$29.4m improved access to rural healthcare teams; \$13.2m to rural health through James Cook University, Cairns; \$12m restoring loading to regional psychiatry telehealth services; \$3.6m support for homeless veterans in Darwin; \$2.8m to build Central Highlands Allied Health Clinic in Emerald Qld; \$2.2m for community participation in AFL across the NT

**Disaster resilience:** \$200m Disaster Ready Fund; \$38.3m Disaster Relief Australia; \$22.6m target mitigation investment to improve insurance affordability and availability

