

BUDGET 2019-20

Investing in infrastructure

Budget 2019 invests \$1.45 billion in infrastructure projects, creating jobs for Territorians and supporting local businesses with a pipeline of civil and construction projects.

Housing

Budget 2019 continues the significant investment to construct new and refurbish existing housing in remote and urban areas.

Budget 2019 continues government's \$1.1 billion 10-year Remote Housing Investment Package.

Other investment in remote Aboriginal housing includes:

- \$61.8 million for land servicing to support the Remote Housing Investment Package
- \$41.8 million to continue to upgrade housing through the National Partnership on Remote Housing.

Additional investment in remote communities is provided through a rolling program to provide Aboriginal essential services, including \$9.8 million in 2019-20, and \$15.5 million for cyclone rectification works to support communities in East Arnhem.

Other key investments include:

- continuing government's two-year \$100 million urban stimulus program for new and upgraded urban public housing across the Territory
- \$44.1 million to redevelop public housing at John Stokes Square in Nightcliff, as well as constructing commercial spaces and a new police station.

Roads and transport

Budget 2019 continues investment in a range of road and other transport projects, including:

- \$50 million to construct a new marine facility at Mandorah to replace the ageing jetty
- \$8 million to strengthen and widen the road network, traffic management road treatment and landscape road verges across the Territory
- \$5.6 million for intersection works on Bagot Road and Osgood Drive to cater for Darwin airport development and improve safety
- \$4.3 million to continue the cycle path program to support active transport, including from Howard Springs to Coolalinga.

Co-funded projects progressing in 2019-20 include:

- \$60.2 million to continue to improve various sections of the Plenty Highway and Tjukururu Road
- \$29 million for the Buntine Highway, to continue strengthening and widening works and extending the seal towards the Western Australia border
- \$24.2 million to continue upgrades to Tablelands Highway and Barkly Stock Route under the Beef Roads Program
- \$16.2 million to continue to upgrade and seal priority sections of the Central Arnhem Road
- \$6.3 million to upgrade roads on the Tiwi Islands to support economic and social development.

Economic and community infrastructure

Budget 2019 progresses a range of economic and community infrastructure projects, including:

- \$125 million for a range of projects to upgrade Kakadu and support the township of Jabiru to transition from a mining town to a tourism and regional services hub
- \$41.5 million for new and continuing headworks and subdivision works across the Territory
- \$30 million for a Katherine logistics and agribusiness hub
- \$29.4 million to upgrade Berrimah Farm, including new laboratory facilities
- \$9.9 million to develop the Marine Service Area at East Arm
- \$46.6 million to continue City Deals projects in Darwin (in partnership with the Commonwealth and City of Darwin) and Alice Springs.

Lifestyle and environment

Budget 2019 continues to enhance the Territory lifestyle and environment, by investing:

- \$81.9 million to progress the National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs, extend art galleries in Tennant Creek, Katherine and Arnhem Land, and continue upgrades at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- \$46.3 million to develop new adventure opportunities at Litchfield National Park, new adventure cycling tracks through Tjoritja/West MacDonnell National Park, a multi-day walking track in Watarrka National Park and new walking tracks and visitor facilities at Nitmiluk National Park
- \$9.7 million for upgrades to recreational fishing infrastructure across the Territory
- \$11.8 million to continue upgrades to various motorsport infrastructure across the Territory, including at Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex.

Community safety

Budget 2019 invests in infrastructure to support community safety, including:

- \$70 million to progress contemporary youth justice facilities in greater Darwin and Alice Springs, and additional funding of \$10.8 million to support youth justice programs and provide alternatives to detention
- \$25 million to fast-track the new Palmerston fire station
- \$37.5 million to continue to construct and upgrade police stations across the Territory
- \$18 million to continue flood mitigation works in Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine.

Education

Budget 2019 continues support for education, including:

- \$42.6 million to continue construction of the new government primary school in Zuccoli
- \$2 million to construct a new building at Tennant Creek High School to support engagement programs such as Stars and Clontarf
- \$30.1 million for repairs and maintenance works in schools
- \$14.1 million for round 3 of the Building Better Schools initiative, providing \$300 000 per school for refurbishments and upgrades to school facilities.

Health

Budget 2019 commits \$23.1 million to continue upgrades at hospitals across the Territory, as well as providing \$26.4 million for repairs and maintenance works at hospitals, health centres and clinics.

Fast-tracking projects

Government has fast-tracked five projects totalling \$125.6 million to support the Territory's construction industry and create jobs. These projects include:

- \$25 million for the new Palmerston fire station
- \$29 million for stage 2 of Zuccoli Primary School
- \$50 million for a new Mandorah marine facility
- \$4.1 million for Kilgariff development stage 2
- \$17.5 million for upgrades to Litchfield National Park.