

Arnhem and Tiwi Islands



The Arnhem and Tiwi Islands region covers Arnhem Land and adjacent coastal islands. Mining is the dominant industry and employment source for the region, and the mining towns of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula (on Groote Eylandt) are the region's major centres. Nhulunbuy is home to the vast Alcan bauxite project while high-grade manganese is produced on Groote Eylandt. Other industries include buffalo harvesting, aquaculture, forestry and fishing. The natural beauty of the Tiwi Islands, Cobourg Peninsula and Gove Peninsula, with abundant Indigenous art and crafts, attracts many tourists to the region.

Forty per cent of the region's widely dispersed and comparatively young population of about 21 000 is Indigenous. More than 50 per cent is aged under 26, with only 2.2 per cent over 65 years.

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Supporting Business

- \$0.64M for local organisations to provide visitor information services and regional marketing activities for the Top End region (encompassing Darwin, Coomalie, Outer Darwin, Jabiru, Kakadu and East Arnhem Land)

Jobs and Training

- \$0.87M Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

Safer Communities

- \$10.23M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the region

- \$1.4M for child protection services, working with families at risk
- \$0.1M to strengthen family support services in the region
- \$0.56M for Groote Eylandt, Nhulunbuy and Tiwi Islands community corrections to monitor and supervise of adult and juvenile clients including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.21M to establish a new Arnhem Land Fire Control Region to improve fire control and management services to the various Indigenous communities in Arnhem Land
- \$0.16M to enable courts and tribunals to administer justice for

- regional and remote communities, including Pirlangimpi (Pularumpi) and Nguui on the Tiwi Islands, Alyangula, Galiwinku, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Oenpelli and Yirrkala. Registry services are provided through the courthouses in Nhulunbuy and Darwin
- \$50 000 for building law and justice plans in Galiwinku and Maningrida

Better Schooling

- \$32.51M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 19 remote schools in the region
- \$5.48M for primary and early childhood education in Nhulunbuy Primary School
- \$4.43M for assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$3.28M for secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$1.72M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs, to improve the education of Indigenous students
- \$1.1M for Commonwealth Targeted Programs, such as Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes and National Drug Education Strategy





- \$1.51M to provide open learning educational programs and professional support to students and support for teachers in specialist fields of music, language, health, physical education and the Board of Studies
- \$1.22M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support
- \$0.98M in Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$0.18M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.14M for the Accelerated Literacy Project to improve English literacy outcomes for students

Better Health

- \$13.3M for community-based health services in the region
- \$13M for acute medical, surgical and obstetrical services at Gove District Hospital
- \$0.49M for renal dialysis services including supporting clients in their home and community-based treatment, including \$0.39M for the operation of the clinic at Nguiu, with the balance for smaller clinics through East Arnhem
- \$0.19M for a coordinated range of services to minimise the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Regional Development

- \$4.73M in grant funding for Indigenous Community Housing Organisations to construct, maintain and manage community housing stock (includes the Miwatj and Northwest Regional Governing Council areas)
- \$0.46M to provide school and special transport services in the Nhulunbuy region
- \$0.25M for the priority repair and maintenance of various aerodromes and barge landings in the region
- \$0.25M for libraries in Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba, Pirlangimpi, Ramingining, Milikapiti and Nguiu
- \$0.22M to resource Groote Eylandt Regional Coordinator Position – to address a need for greater coordination of Government service delivery and provide strategic direction for developments in the region

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.19M to continue the Community Harmony Strategy, addressing the health, well-being and social behaviours of itinerant groups, to assist itinerants to move away from destructive lifestyles to either return to their home communities or lead a more productive lifestyle in town

- \$0.16M for fire management and prescribed burning, weed management and feral animal control programs to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program in Maningrida and Tiwi Islands to assist the local community to manage their sea country in conjunction with Commonwealth agencies
- \$0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks to provide resources and services, including tour guides, fact sheets and interpretive materials
- \$72 000 for feral animal control programs
- \$30 000 funding for the Garma Festival to celebrate traditional and contemporary culture of the Yolngu people from north-east Arnhem Land
- \$7 000 to continue the Junior Park Ranger program, providing resources and assistance for remote schools

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$2M for upgrading remote schools across the Territory which will include \$1M for a new secondary school facility at Shepherdson College
- \$1M for new police post at Numbulwar comprising reception area, office, interview room, two cells, exercise area, and separate visitors' area and communications facilities
- \$1M for selected gravelling of Oenpelli Link – Cahill's Crossing to Central Arnhem Road
- \$0.31M to equip new production bores and rising mains at Oenpelli
- \$0.12M Nhulunbuy High School classroom and other upgrades
- \$80 000 urban enhancement for Nhulunbuy town entrance statement