



East Arnhem

The East Arnhem region covers East Arnhem Land and adjacent coastal islands including Groote Eylandt. Mining is the dominant industry and source of employment, and the mining towns of Nhulunbuy and Alyangula are the region's major centres. The Gove Peninsula is the site of the Alcan bauxite/alumina project, while high-grade manganese is produced on Groote Eylandt. Other industries include buffalo harvesting, aquaculture, forestry and fishing. Local Indigenous culture attracts many tourists to the region.

Around 60 per cent of the region's widely dispersed and comparatively young population of about 14 000 is Indigenous. Almost 50 per cent of the population is aged under 24, with only 2 per cent aged 65 years and over.

Supporting Business

- \$0.2M additional funding for mining regulatory activities including the Alcan Gove expansion
- \$0.14M for a Government coordinator to assist with obligations and development opportunities related to the Alcan expansion
- \$89 000 for an Indigenous enterprise development officer based in Nhulunbuy to assist Indigenous small business development

Jobs and Training

- \$1.8M across all regions for 250 small business training incentives valued at \$3000 each and 150 traditional trade incentives of \$7000 each
- \$0.68M Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, Training for Remote Youth and Training Centres

Safer Communities

- \$7.56M to provide police, fire and emergency services in the East Arnhem region, including three police stations, two police posts, one fire station, one volunteer fire brigade unit and two volunteer emergency services groups
- \$0.3M for repairs, maintenance and minor works to the region's police, fire and emergency services facilities
- \$0.56M for Groote Eylandt and Nhulunbuy community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and

juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community

- \$0.17M for courts to administer justice for regional and remote communities including Alyangula, Nhulunbuy and Galiwinku
- \$0.15M additional funding for a community patrol at Nhulunbuy
- \$0.21M support for the Arnhem Fire Control District to improve fire control and management services to Indigenous communities in the East Arnhem and Top End Rural regions

Better Schooling

- \$27.4M for early childhood, primary and post primary education in 11 remote schools in the region
- \$5.1M for primary and early childhood education at Nhulunbuy Primary School
- \$4.3M for secondary education at Nhulunbuy High School
- \$1.66M to provide student and school support services including curricula for schools and special education needs support

Infrastructure Highlights

- \$1M Mapurru Homeland Centre – part of the remote schools program
- \$1.47M Central Arnhem Road – further work on selected upgrades to river crossings and sections of road, and road re-sheeting between Beswick and Gove to improve access to the region
- \$0.5M Ngukurr/Numbulwar – causeway at Rose River and upgrade road to improve accessibility to communities during the wet season
- \$0.7M Shepherdson College – complete new secondary facility as part of the remote schools upgrade program
- \$1.1M Milingimbi – complete additional sewerage ponds and rising mains
- \$1M Numbulwar – complete the new police post
- \$3.76M Alyangula – complete 21 Government employee housing units to replace housing returned to Gemco in 2005
- \$0.75M Donyddji Homeland Centre – remote schools program new classrooms, ablutions facilities and teacher accommodation
- \$0.26M – complete health centre upgrades in Galiwinku, Umbakumba and Ramingining as part of the remote health centres program
- \$0.57M Numbulwar – replace bulk fuel storage and upgrade fuel bunding
- \$1.09M Gapuwiyak – complete relocation of sewerage ponds and redirect rising mains
- \$0.55M Bulman aerodrome – upgrade to all-weather standard



services such as road and aero-retrieval transport services and the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, as well as inpatient and outpatient clinical services

- \$12.5M for non-acute health and community services in the region

- \$0.2M for regional and joint-use libraries at Nhulunbuy, Milingimbi, Umbakumba, Angurugu, Ramingining and Alyangula
- \$0.16M for land information and associated services to support sustainable development

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.14M to monitor the environmental impact of operational and closed mine sites in the region including the Alcan Gove expansion
- \$0.12M for the Marine Ranger Program for Indigenous communities managing their sea country through monitoring illegal fishing activity, sacred site protection, and feral animal and noxious plant control
- \$40 000 in grants for regional and remote festivals in East Arnhem as part of 'Showcasing Territory Arts'
- \$0.19M in grants to local governing bodies for community-based sport and recreation officers
- \$0.1M for visitor management programs in regional parks
- \$0.1M for monitoring, assessing and advising on the region's general ground and surface water resources
- \$72 000 for feral animal control
- \$82 000 for weed management in parks
- \$82 000 for fire management and prescribed burning in parks
- \$7 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program

- \$1.2M for assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$2.45M in Territory student assistance travel schemes and remote teacher housing
- \$1.5M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$0.83M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy and Numeracy Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$0.38M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$90 000 to continue to employ Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers in urban schools

- \$0.5M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and for community-based treatment
- \$0.43M additional funding for the Nhulunbuy Special Care Centre, including operation and staff training requirements
- \$72 000 for Volatile Substance Abuse rehabilitation services

Regional Development

- \$3.93M in grants for the Indigenous Housing Authority of the Northern Territory for Indigenous community housing organisations to construct, maintain and manage Indigenous community housing stock
- \$0.46M to provide school and special transport services in the region
- \$0.17M for priority repairs and maintenance of various aerodromes and barge landings in rural and remote areas

Better Health

- \$19M for acute care services in the region, including initiatives to maximise access to acute care

Cyclone Ingrid Restoration

Cyclone Ingrid hit communities along the Territory's north-eastern coastline on Sunday 13 March 2005 causing damage to Government assets valued in excess of \$0.6M. Recovery works have been completed and restoration works will continue into the 2005-06 financial year including:

- \$0.22M Nhulunbuy Housing – repairs and tree rationalisation
- \$22 000 Nhulunbuy High School – shade sail replacement and repairs to grounds
- \$42 000 Nhulunbuy Primary School – shade sail replacement, repairs to fences and walkways
- \$25 000 Nhulunbuy Preschool – shade sail replacement
- \$11 000 Nhulunbuy Child-care Centre – shade sail replacement and repairs to fences
- \$32 000 Gove District Hospital – shade sail replacement
- \$15 000 repairs to water supply fencing at Yirrkala and Milingimbi

