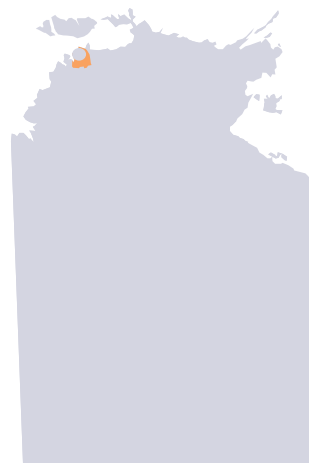


Palmerston and Litchfield

Palmerston and Litchfield is the fastest growing Northern Territory region, with population growth averaging 2 per cent per annum over the four years to 2005. The region has a relatively young population with about 40 per cent aged 24 years and under, and less than 4 per cent aged 65 and over. More than 90 per cent of the region's population of 40 100 is non-Indigenous. With an area of 3000 square kilometres, the region encompasses the city of Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire, including East Arm and the Channel Island power station.



The operation of the railway and completion of stage 2 of Darwin Port is creating a regional transport and logistics hub. Palmerston is the proposed site for a Defence Support Hub and Industrial Park near Roberston Barracks, to attract and encourage defence-related support businesses to operate in the Territory. Primary industry in the region includes mangoes and other horticulture and aquaculture, as well as cattle and crocodiles.

Supporting Business

- \$1.7M for animal health testing services to livestock industries at Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories
- \$0.66M across regions to help grow and promote the Territory's defence support industry capability and attract new defence-related business opportunities to the Territory
- \$0.61M to manage the Coastal Plains and Beatrice Hill research farms as bases for delivery of primary industry programs and to develop and test best practice production systems
- \$0.44M for a range of programs, including interstate quarantine and grower accreditation, and certification to ensure Territory

horticulture produce meets necessary standards for domestic and export outlets

- \$70 000 across regions to facilitate and support emerging Regional Economic Committees, to drive job and business growth, and to facilitate a number of Regional Economic Development Forums

Jobs and Training

- \$6.59M for Charles Darwin University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and other service providers to deliver vocational education and training
- \$1.12M for Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education tertiary programs

- \$0.12M for driver training and licensing for 16 to 18 year olds
- \$0.11M for Flexible Response Funding for training leading to employment for Indigenous people, including Training for Remote Youth

Safer Communities

- \$24.2M to provide safe and secure custodial services at Darwin Correctional Centre, including rehabilitation and care of adult offenders
- \$11.02M to provide police, fire and emergency services, including one police station, one fire station, one combined police and fire station and six volunteer groups, and \$0.37M for repairs, maintenance and minor new works
- \$3.3M to provide safe and secure juvenile detention services at the Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre, including rehabilitation and care of young offenders
- \$0.72M for community corrections to monitor and supervise adult and juvenile clients, including successful reintegration into the community
- \$0.3M for safety and security on Darwin's public bus network



Infrastructure Highlights

- \$9.32M carried over for a new secondary education facility in Palmerston
- \$2.18M for repairs and maintenance of roads in the region
- \$1.63M for the bulk loading facility at Darwin Port
- \$1M for Darwin Business Park – continue stage 2 sewerage headworks
- \$1M for Darwin Port – container crane – upgrade drive systems
- \$0.95M to continue duplication of Berrimah Road to Cochrane Street
- \$0.8M for Humpty Doo Primary School – new classrooms for high support special needs students
- \$0.27M to remove inbound traffic lights at the Stuart Highway-Tulagi Road intersection
- \$0.2M for new and replacement bus shelters
- \$0.2M for lighting at the Wishart Road-Tivendale Road intersection
- \$0.18M to upgrade Tulagi Road
- \$0.16M to provide access to 15 Mile camp
- \$0.15M to upgrade the school bus interchange at the Cox Peninsula Road-Stuart Highway intersection
- \$0.15M to landscape the Stuart Highway at Coolalinga
- \$90 000 for car park lighting at the Territory Wildlife Park

Better Schooling

- \$43.75M for primary and early childhood education in 11 urban schools
- \$18.86M assistance to non-government schools in the region
- \$18.56M for secondary education for students at Palmerston High School, Taminmin High School and the Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre
- \$2.58M to provide students and school support services, including curricula and special needs support
- \$2.06M for Australian Government Targeted Programs, including Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs and the National Drug Education Strategy
- \$1.47M for Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programs to improve Indigenous education
- \$0.62M for programs to support students with a disability
- \$0.58M for Territory student assistance travel schemes and teacher housing
- \$0.54M for early childhood and primary education at Middle Point School
- \$0.44M for Aboriginal Islander Education Workers in schools
- \$0.35M in Back to School payments to assist students with the cost of essential school items
- \$65 000 for the Junior Park Ranger program, including providing resources and assistance to schools and communities

Better Health

- \$2.6M for non-acute health and community services in the region
- \$0.9M for renal dialysis services to support clients in their homes and to provide community-based treatments

Community Development

- \$33.6M under HomeNorth schemes to assist low to middle income earners to purchase a home
- \$0.15M across the Darwin and Palmerston and Litchfield regions

to Indigenous organisations for tenancy support to assist Indigenous people to obtain and maintain public housing

- \$5000 for births, death and marriages registration services at the Palmerston Community Care premises

Lifestyle and Environment

- \$0.74M for public library services at Palmerston, Coomalie and Litchfield
- \$0.62M for weed management programs in parks
- \$0.61M for visitor programs in parks
- \$0.42M for fire management and prescribed burning to protect life, assets and biodiversity in parks
- \$0.15M to implement feral animal control programs
- \$0.13M for planning functions, including plans of management and other strategic planning for parks and reserves in the region
- \$60 000 for the Marine Ranger Program to provide financial and training support to Indigenous communities, including monitoring illegal activity, sacred site protection, feral animal and noxious plant control and community education
- \$30 000 for cane toad protection for the birds of prey holding area at the Territory Wildlife Park
- \$30 000 for interpretive materials at the Territory Wildlife Park

