

DARWIN — THE BIG PICTURE

A modern, vibrant and progressive city, Darwin is Northern Australia's business capital. Its competitive advantage is its strategic location, at the top of Australia's northern coastline on the edge of the Timor Sea. Heralded as Australia's Gateway with Asia, Darwin is an unrivalled staging post for trade and engagement between its nearby Asian neighbours and southern, Australian states.

As close to Singapore as it is Sydney, Darwin offers worldclass logistic infrastructure and international connections through established airlinks, rail, a deep-water port as well as a sophisticated business park dedicated to global freight solutions. Plans to build a \$400 million ship lift are underway, which will be largely funded under the Federal Government's concessional NAIF loan facility.

The Northern Territory is resource-rich with considerable mineral and energy resources both on and offshore. A proven track record of international investment exists, such as construction of the US\$37 billion INPEX-led Ichthys LNG onshore processing facility, successfully completed in 2018. Energy giant Santos and its partners made their final investment decision March 2021 to develop its \$5 billion Barossa offshore gas project. An additional \$800 million will also be spent upgrading their Darwin LNG plant. Hundreds of jobs are expected to be created and financial stimulus over the predicted 20 year life of the project.

Federal Government and private investment interest continues to soar over the Beetaloo Basin, 500kms south of Darwin, to develop its extensive shale gas deposits – said to be enough to power Australia for over 200 years. This has the potential to create over 6500 jobs and generate more than \$9 billion nationally over 25 years. On the back of this, expansion of the Northern Gas Pipeline from the Beetaloo Basin to the East Coast may create around 4000 new jobs.

Singapore's Sun Cable recently opened their Darwin office and is gearing up to build one of the worlds most ambitious renewable energy projects. The \$22 billion Australia-ASEAN Power Link will harness solar energy from the Territory and supply power to Darwin, Singapore and other ASEAN markets by 2027. It was recently awarded Major Project status by the Federal Government.



The 2016 Defence White Paper committed upwards of \$20 billion to be spent in the Top End over the next 20 years. A significant proportion has been accelerated towards infrastructure investment to provide welcomed economic stimulus for Territory business. The United States is also bolstering its investment in Darwin spending \$305 million on infrastructure to support its Osprey fleet, a multimillion dollar fuel facility, plus the annual rotation of up to 2500 of its Marine forces.

Investment activity in education is also underway with construction of a \$250 million university campus in Darwin City. Set to open in 2024 it is funded by three tiers of government under the Darwin City Deal agreement. Also on the horizon is \$8 million private investment from Australia's leading college Haileybury towards a new international student boarding house for its Darwin campus.

The phenomenal agribusiness growth in the region surrounding The Sanctuary continues to rise as demand steadily increases from both national markets and developing nations for high end and out-of-season foods. Within close proximity to the site is Australia's largest barramundi farm, which is undergoing considerable expansion, and the country's largest crocodile farm is under construction. It is also surrounded by prominent, large scale pastoral stations that are not only recognised for their high worth livestock for export and domestic markets, but also as a major regional employer and contributor to the local economy. Over half of Australia's mangoes are grown in this area - harvests worth \$44 million five years ago rose to a record \$70 million in 2019. Other crops including melons, pineapples, exotic Asian fruit and vegetables and turf have also prospered considerably. The NT Government recently released an Expression of Interest for 26,000 hectares of prime agricultural crown land in this region to be developed to further expand fruit crops, hay, cattle and buffalo as well as niche markets such as Kakadu Plums and rain-fed forestry.





DARWIN, CENTRE OF ATTENTION



WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR FARM

and 3750km undersea cable to power Singapore constructed by Sun Cable. It is estimated to export \$1b worth of energy every year.

BEIJING 7H:29M

HARBOUR IS TIMES THE SIZE OF SYDNEY'S.

DARWIN'S



SHIPPING TIMES

BANGKOK 5H:30M

SINGAPORE 4H:35M

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NORTH OF DARWIN



\$250 MILLIO **FUNDING COMMITMENT**

Darwin city university campus

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SANTOS BAROSSA GAS PROJECT

annouced March 2021, delivering 600 initial construction jobs and 20 years of economic activity for the Territory.

DARWIN



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and is a notable performer in the nation's residential property market with growth of 9% for 2020.

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FROM THE PORT OF DARWIN





A 50 minute drive from Darwin brings you to the rural area of Marrakai, the half way point between Darwin's CBD and the entry to the iconic Kakadu National Park.

Interest and visitation to Kakadu is poised to rise with the Federal and NT Government's joint \$411 million commitment to transform Jabiru from a remote mining town to a world-class tourist hub with the full support of the traditional owners, the Mirrar people. Works include a visitor and cultural centre, road upgrades and improvements to infrastructure such as mobile phone coverage, power stations and health and education precincts.

Nature-based tourism operations in this region are growing from strength-to-strength. The surrounding river systems and billabongs make a significant contribution to the \$80 million that recreational fishing injects into the local economy every year.

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In recent years, new operators have emerged with innovative offerings that include heli-fishing, boutique wilderness lodges and hospitality choices that not only attract tourists, but also Darwin residents who keenly venture out of town for lunch or a weekend retreat.

The nearby Humpty Doo Barramundi fish farm is another outstanding business innovator. From humble beginnings 25 years ago, the business has grown to become Australia's largest producer of premium farmed barramundi. Expansion has commenced with an investment plan of over \$60 million – around half has been funded through the Australian Government's Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility (NAIF).

Other significant stimulus in the region is the major upgrade to the nearby Mount Bundey defence training facility. One of four Territory training bases to benefit from a mammoth \$747million spending package unveiled by the Australian Government earlier this year. The upgrade will enable more joint exercises with the rotational forces from the USA.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT between Federal and NT governments to transform nearby JABIRU into a

major tourism hub.

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KAKADU

NATIONAL PARK

Wildman Agriculture Precinct

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