

# GREATER DARWIN

## Regional fact sheet

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The Greater Darwin region includes the cities of Darwin and Palmerston, the Litchfield Shire, East Arm and Robertson Barracks. The region is home to about 147,000 people, representing around 60% of the Territory's population. Greater Darwin has the lowest proportion of young people among the regions, with about 32% aged 24 years and under and the highest proportion of population aged 65 years and over, at about 9%.

Darwin is the Territory's capital city and is the main population and administrative centre. Major industries include construction, defence, retail, tourism, education and training, public administration and safety, and health care. Darwin is a key gateway to the Territory's regional centres and tourist attractions, and is an important strategic hub for trade and defence.

Major industries in Palmerston and the Litchfield Shire include construction, aquaculture, horticulture, cattle and crocodile farming, defence, and liquefied natural gas and helium production. The Robertson Barracks army base, located near Palmerston, hosts the ongoing rotations of United States marines in the Territory. The development of East Arm, including the marine industry park and the Darwin ship lift facility, will support the defence, logistics and freight sectors and aid future oil and gas activity.

### HyperOne

HyperOne is a new \$1.5 billion national hyperscale digital infrastructure project that will directly connect Darwin to every capital city in Australia for the first time with high-speed, world-class fibre optic cable. It will see

20,000 kilometres of new high-speed fibre optic cable laid across Australia, including 2,200 kilometres in the Territory.

The Territory Government has granted major project status to the project, which is expected to support around 10,000 jobs during construction, with 1,000 estimated to be based in the Territory.

The high-speed fibre optic cable is expected to follow the Stuart and Barkly highways, connecting the regional centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine. This will provide opportunities for connection to remote communities on either side of the highway and also has the potential to turn Darwin into Australia's digital gateway to Asia.

### Darwin Harbour ship lift

The maritime industry is a key enabler of the Territory economy and both the Territory and Commonwealth governments are investing to build infrastructure to support industry growth and capability. Budget 2022 includes targeted investment to unlock opportunities servicing the commercial and coastal shipping, tourism, commercial fishing, defence and offshore energy sectors, through the \$400 million ship lift in Darwin Harbour, which will

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complement investment in a new multi-user facility to facilitate the development of the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct.

## Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct

The Territory Government is working with industry and the Commonwealth to transform Middle Arm into a globally competitive, sustainable precinct with a focus on low-emission advanced manufacturing, renewable hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, minerals processing and petrochemicals.

The Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct encompasses around 1,500 hectares of industrial land on the Middle Arm peninsula and is already home to the Santos Darwin LNG and the INPEX Ichthys LNG processing facilities. It has an extensive product corridor network for the efficient transmission of utilities, gas, feedstock and products, and is in close proximity to Darwin International Airport, Darwin Port, the Darwin to Adelaide railway and freight terminal, and the road network.

The Commonwealth's 2022 Budget announced the Energy Security and Regional Development Plan, which includes funding for the development of the precinct including marine infrastructure.

## Tiger Brennan Drive/Berrimah Road overpass

Budget 2022 commits \$110 million over four years for the Tiger Brennan Drive/Berrimah Road overpass. The project is jointly funded by the Territory and Commonwealth governments and will improve road safety outcomes at the intersection, which is used by 20,000 vehicles each day and directly services the Port of Darwin.

## Darwin education and community precinct

The \$250 million Charles Darwin University campus, funded under the Darwin City Deal, is already under construction and is expected to be completed by November 2023.

The new campus, located on the corner of Cavenagh Street and Garramilla Boulevard, will bring new staff and students into the Darwin CBD and support a substantial number of jobs during construction. The new campus will improve Darwin's international competitiveness in the tertiary and post-school education sector.

## Civic and State Square revitalisation

Work is underway to redevelop Darwin's Civic and State Square, which will become a gateway for visitors and physically connect the harbour and the city. Features of the revitalisation include a centrally located 'heart' with shaded areas, tropical avenues, gardens and expansive lawns suitable for hosting events, aimed at creating a cooler and more activated public space for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Budget 2022 includes \$110.7 million to continue the project over five years to deliver the re-imagined precinct, with \$65.7 million allocated in 2022-23.

The Civic and State Square redevelopment is in addition to the \$47 million investment by the Territory Government in the State Square Art Gallery.

The State Square Art Gallery will provide a space for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory to showcase art from the Territory's extensive collection, and host prestigious Australian and international exhibitions.

The development is expected to enhance a range of economic outcomes in the CBD, including improving retail trade and attract more private investment in the CBD.

## Defence Housing

Defence Housing Australia is progressing a master-planned community spread across 131 hectares of zoned residential land at Lee Point, which will accommodate 800 new homes, including detached houses, townhouses and apartments.

This brand new residential community will include a tourism and retail precinct and open space for recreation and relaxation while supporting the increasing number of Defence personnel based in the region.

## Major works overview

	Capital works
	\$000
Transport	329 619
Housing and community amenities	93 207
Economic affairs	38 733
Recreation, culture and religion	49 354
Health	53 264
Public order and safety	11 872
Environmental protection	5 400
Education	1 775
General public services	1 279
<b>Total Greater Darwin</b>	<b>584 503</b>