

# About the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

## Who we are

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation was established by the Northern Territory Government on 12 September 2016 with the enactment of new Administrative Arrangement Orders.

To deliver a coordinated approach to the economic development of the Northern Territory, the following elements were incorporated into the new department:

- Northern Australia Development Office, DefenceNT and the Office of Major Projects, Infrastructure and Investment from the Department of the Chief Minister
- StudyNT from the Department of Education
- Business NT; Training NT; Procurement NT; Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment; and Strategic Services from the former Department of Business.

In establishing this new department, the regulatory divisions from the Department of Business, Licensing NT and NT WorkSafe, were transferred to the Department of the Attorney General and Justice, the Alcohol Policy function was transferred to the Department of Health and the Red Tape Abolition Squad joined the Department of Treasury and Finance.

## What we do

The department is the lead agency responsible for delivering economic development and driving the development of the north agenda. To support this, the department delivers a wide range of programs and services to business, industry and workers across divisions of:

- Business and Innovation NT
- Workforce NT
- Procurement NT
- Northern Australia Development and Trade
  - Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment
  - Northern Australia Development Office
  - StudyNT
  - DefenceNT
- Strategic Infrastructure and Projects
- Strategic Services.

## Strategic Directions 2017-2021

The new strategic plan was developed to support the department to deliver in its role as NT Government's lead coordinating agency for economic development.

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation Strategic Directions 2017-2021, sets out the department's vision and purpose providing a platform for all departmental resourcing and planning activities. It sets key priorities that support the department's efforts to drive a strong and vibrant economy for all Territorians.

The new Strategic Plan reflects the priorities generated from election commitments, Budget 2017, the Economic Development Framework, the Infrastructure Strategy and the 10 Year Infrastructure Plan.

Strategic Directions 2017-2021 is a road map that enables the department to:

- connect business and government across industries and regions
- foster a culture of innovation in the Territory
- create a pipeline of investment
- grow local capacity
- achieve excellence in our own business.