National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy:

National Action Plan 2019-2024

NT Implementation Plan

CRITICAL AREA 1 – SMARTER AND TARGETED INFRASTRUCTURE INIVESTMENT

Action 1.1: Ensure that domestic and international supply chains are serviced by resilient and efficient key freight corridors, precincts and assets.

Action	Aim	Timeframe
Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub	The Northern Territory Government is progressing the development of a significant industrial subdivision to support a fully operational, multi-disciplined logistics and agribusiness hub. The Hub industrial subdivision will meet the current and future growth needs of Katherine, the Top End region and northern Australia and will drive economic development, create jobs and increase prosperity in the region.	3 Years
	Stage 1 will see delivery of external head works to the site and subdivision works including a connecting road extending from the new intersection to the rail corridor.	

Action 1.2: Provide regional and remote Australia with infrastructure capable of connecting regions and communities to major gateways, through land links, regional airports or coastal shipping.

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NT Airports Expansion Program	In September 2018, Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility approved a \$150 million loan finance to NT Airports Pty Ltd for a \$300 million expansion of airport facilities in Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Facilities include cold storage and export hub at Darwin Airport, solar energy farms at Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, an offsite multi-user battery in Darwin, and runway upgrades at Alice Springs.	
Development of a Darwin Ship Lift Facility	The NT Government has committed \$400 million to build the largest ship lift in Northern Australia. The Darwin Ship Lift Facility will be capable of servicing offshore petroleum, fishing, pearling, and Defence and Border Force vessels. Territory-owned and headquartered Paspaley Group is partnering with the Territory Government. It is envisaged that engineering, design and construct contract will be awarded in late 2020, enabling construction to commence during 2021. Construction is anticipated to take two years, enabling the facility to be operating in early 2023.	3 Years

Action 1.3: *Identify and support digital infrastructure and communication services necessary for improved and innovative supply chains.*

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Remote Telecommunications Co-investment Program	The NT Government in partnership with Telstra will jointly fund improved telecommunications services Territory-wide through a new Remote Telecommunications Co-Investment Program. Under the latest round of the ongoing NTG-Telstra Remote Telecommunications Co-Investment Program, \$28 million has been set aside to connect remote Territory communities, transport corridors and tourist spots, with funding to roll out over the four years to 2022.	4 Years