



# Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011

## OUR VALUES

- Innovation
- Professionalism
- Respect

Our values guide the actions and integrity of the Department of the Chief Minister.

They influence the way we work together, the way we interact with our clients, and the way we engage with communities across the Northern Territory (NT).

In essence, our values define who we are.

## OUR CORE BUSINESS

- Position the interests of the NT at Territory, national and international levels.
- Provide strategic advice to the Chief Minister, Ministers and Cabinet on current and emerging issues.
- Develop, coordinate and implement policy initiatives across Government.
- Support the processes and functions of Executive Government.
- Attract and facilitate major project delivery and new trade development.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### MAJOR STRATEGIES

### KEY ACTIONS

#### Position the Territory for the Future

- **Articulate the Government's vision for the Northern Territory.**
- **Maximise opportunities for the Northern Territory arising out of the national response to climate change.**
- **Utilise intergovernmental frameworks to promote the Northern Territory's interests and objectives.**

- Identify the Territory's key natural strengths and capability gaps to inform policy settings.
- Work with Northern Territory agencies to develop and communicate an overarching framework for whole of government strategies and priorities.
- Develop climate change policy.
- Coordinate whole of government climate change initiatives in procurement, business preparedness and communication.
- Engage in the new COAG framework and working groups and ensure optimum outcomes for the Northern Territory.
- Develop effective relationships with key stakeholders including land councils.
- Develop and maintain strong international relationships with target countries and markets.

#### Build a Strong Territory Community

- **Support regional development through strong leadership and coordination.**
- **Close the Gap of Indigenous disadvantage.**
- **Continue to place and promote the Northern Territory as an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.**
- **Build a safe, secure and resilient Northern Territory.**

- Work with agencies to develop a clear framework for engagement with new shires and municipal councils.
- Monitor and implement the Closing the Gap strategy for government.
- Work with the Australian Government to align policies and strategies through the COAG working group on Indigenous Reform.
- Coordinate input into the review of the Australian Government Intervention.
- Coordinate priority projects to support the growth and attractiveness of Darwin and Alice Springs.
- Deliver and support nominated major events.
- Advance the Territory's Multicultural Policy.
- Attract new skilled workers to the Territory.
- Develop Northern Territory security arrangements aligned with national settings.
- Facilitate consistent whole of government emergency planning and response procedures.
- Assist in coordinating whole of government responses to law, order and safety issues.

#### Grow the Territory Economy

- **Identify and facilitate key economic opportunities for the Northern Territory.**
- **Attract investment and develop new trade opportunities.**

- Coordinate whole of government facilitation of major projects.
- Meet agency commitments under the Economic Development Framework.
- Provide specialist advice to government on economic growth and sustainability.
- Work to ensure that Indigenous Territorians are fully involved in the economic life of the Territory.
- Establish Darwin as an onshore gas-based processing hub.
- Help grow Northern Territory business export potential.
- Develop the AustralAsia Trade Route through increased international shipping capacity and mining exports.
- Promote local industry capacity and capability to national/international markets.

#### Improve Government Service Delivery

- **Support strong executive government frameworks.**
- **Ensure the department has the ongoing capability to deliver its services.**
- **Develop a framework for improved delivery of and access to government services.**
- **Understand the changes and impacts of demographics on the delivery of current and future services.**

- Ensure and maintain effective governance, protocol, Cabinet Office and legislative services and advice and maintain support to the Office of the Administrator.
- Develop and implement a Strategic Workforce Development Framework for DCM.
- Identify critical actions to attract and retain a skilled workforce.
- Maintain strong regional coordination arrangements.
- Develop a whole of government strategic framework for government service delivery and accountability.
- Work with OCPE to strengthen the NTPS.
- Develop strategic responses to population trends, changing demographics and urban drift.

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