



The Northern RDA Alliance (NRDAA) comprises eight RDAs whose regions make up Northern Australia. This network, representing the Gascoyne in Western Australia to Gladstone in Central Queensland, has been collaborating and providing input to the Australian Government on the development and delivery of the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia. Our aim is to inform and support policy development and its implementation, and to prioritise investment opportunities to ensure the sustainable development of Northern Australia.



Key points about RDAs in the Alliance:

- Independent, apolitical, not for profit organisations.
- Funded by the Australian Government to deliver regional economic development activities and outcomes.
- Facilitate activities across government boundaries and portfolios.
- Flexible, adaptive, efficient and effective at delivering new initiatives.
- Committee members and staff have been appointed on the basis of their extensive networks across governments, industry and communities.
- RDAs regularly contribute to regional planning in partnership with key stakeholders.
- On-the-ground knowledge of how to facilitate and advocate for outcomes in Northern Australia.



The NRDAA continues to assist the Australian Government's policy delivery on Northern Australia. Our focus is to drive the key reforms and investments needed to secure our future through the implementation of initiatives in the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia, catalysing innovative ideas and solutions.

In collaboration, the NRDAA are already delivering:

#### The Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP)

This is a bipartisan project funded by 49 organisations including 33 local governments and five RDA Committees to drive economic development across regional Queensland.

The IQ-RAP is a planning and decision-making tool for investment into the strategic road network that supports all rural industries and communities to achieve benefits such as better safety outcomes, job creation, productivity gains, more resilient connectivity and investment attraction.

This project is led by RDA Townsville and North West Queensland and supported by RDA Far North Queensland and Torres Strait, RDA Fitzroy and Central West and RDA Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday.



#### Mid and North Western Australia Investment Portfolio 2016

This project has delivered an investment prospectus for projects across mid and north Western Australia. The approach and format used in developing the prospectus could be used as a model for Northern Australian investment attraction.

The project was led by RDA Pilbara and supported by RDA Kimberley and RDA Midwest Gascoyne.

#### Investigation of Alternative Solutions to Shortfalls in Regional Telecommunications

This initiative has delivered a High-Speed Wireless Technology Pilot project to test the potential of long-distance point-to-point microwave links as a low-cost strategy to expand the benefits of existing fibre infrastructure.

This project has been led by RDA Northern Territory and supported by RDA Kimberley.

Other priorities for the NRDAA include:

#### Development of a Northern Australian Energy Strategy

This project seeks to formulate effective pathways to smooth the transition to a low carbon energy future in collaboration with industry and community across Northern Australia. It strives to deliver secure, reliable and affordable energy across the whole of Northern Australia.

The project is being led by RDA Far North Queensland and Torres Strait.

#### Development of a Northern Australian Water Security Program

This initiative would involve working with stakeholders to deliver secure, quality water supplies across Northern Australian regional centres and communities.

#### Improving productivity and growing key industries across the North

This initiative recommends developing a framework for creating incentives and reducing barriers for private capital investment in Northern Australia.

*The NRDAA remains committed to working with communities and industry to deliver sustainable economic development outcomes in Northern Australia.*

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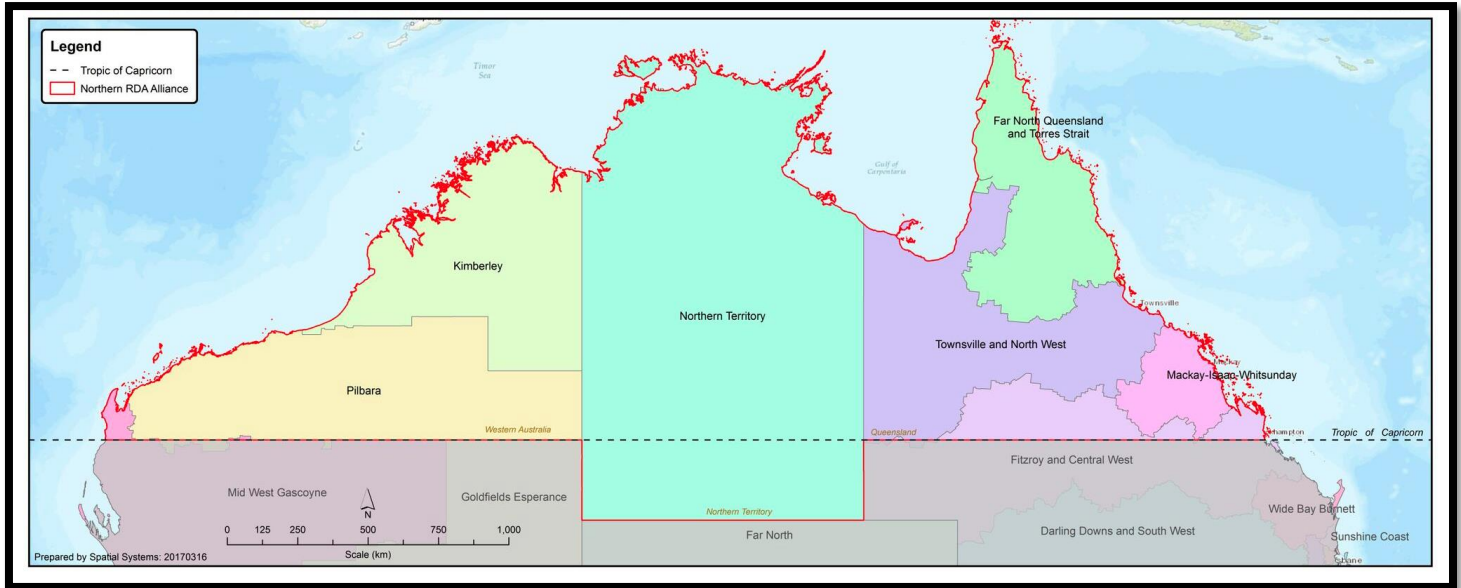
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