



CHRISTMAS ISLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE

Meeting of the Economic Future Working Group

10 February 2025

The Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group (EFWG) held its first meeting of 2025 in February. The group includes members from across industry, government and the community and is responsible for identifying practical solutions to the economic challenges facing Christmas Island.

During the latest meeting, the group continued discussions on a range of action items from the Christmas Island 2030 Strategic Plan. Prior to the meeting, members evaluated the items and submitted their top priorities. Various perspectives and viewpoints from group members were acknowledged and considered during the discussion on the top-scoring actions. Collectively, the group agreed to pursue the following six action items:

1. Address the future of derelict and under-utilised buildings and accommodation on CI
2. Develop a priority infrastructure plan to support key development sites
3. Publicise DITRDCA's green energy initiatives and investigate further green energy projects
4. Develop a priority infrastructure plan for providing further opportunities to enjoy the natural environment on CI
5. Complete case studies to inform how CI can capitalise on Very Fast Internet
6. Investigate how to support additional commercial flights to CI.

Ahead of the next meeting, a project plan will be prepared by facilitator Vanessa Bennett, outlining how the group might proceed with each of these action items. This plan will guide the EFWG's actions and priorities in the coming months.

The next meeting of the group will take place in April.