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Budget 2022-23

On Tuesday, 25 October, Budget 2022-23 was delivered by the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP.

The Budget continues the Australian Government's commitment to unlocking the huge potential of the north – building our national future net zero economy with transformative infrastructure and clean energy projects.

Northern Australia's First Nations peoples are key partners in the Australian Government's vision for the north. Their knowledge and custodianship will inform our policies across a range of portfolios – from preserving and maintaining connection to culture, managing country and biosecurity risks; to providing health, housing and justice; and genuine Indigenous participation in the new economy.

The October Budget also confirms the additional \$2 billion appropriation for the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF). This will help ensure NAIF investments are continuing to deliver economic benefits and contributing to the economic and social wellbeing of Northern Australians.

Investments in the north will bring opportunity for all Australians as we work together to build a sustainable and resilient future.

Budget 2022-23 Information

Media Release by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia: *Budget boost for critical minerals and Northern Australia*

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**Factsheet: *Investments in Northern Australia - a vision for true nation-building*
*Budget 2022-23***

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Northern Australia Ministerial Forum

On 31 October, the Minister for Northern Australia, the Hon Madeleine King MP, hosted the first meeting of the re-established Northern Australia Ministerial Forum on Larrakia Country in Darwin.

Northern Australia's jurisdictions were represented by the Hon Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing; and Water (Queensland), the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry (Western Australia) and the Hon Nicole Manison MLA, Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Advanced Manufacturing; Mining and Industry; Northern Australia and Trade; Parks and Rangers; Tourism and Hospitality (Northern Territory).

The Forum reaffirmed the commitment to working in collaboration to progress shared priorities for Northern Australia, including genuine partnerships with First Nations people. There was a unified commitment to improving outcomes for the north by investing in people, places, services, and industries and economies.

The Forum Communiqué is available [here](#).



(Left to right)

The Hon Nicole Manison MLA, the Hon Madeleine King MP, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, and the Hon Glenn Butcher MP

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Office of Northern Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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