



# 10TH ANNUAL NORTHERN TERRITORY MAJOR PROJECTS CONFERENCE 2019

**29-30 October 2019**  
Darwin Convention Centre  
Darwin, NT, Australia

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## Conference Agenda | NT Major Projects Conference 2019

### Day 1 - TUE 29th October 2019

**08:20 - 09:10**  
REGISTRATION

**09:10 - 09:20**  
MC OPENS

**09:20 - 09:50**

#### Speed Networking

This speed networking session will allow delegates to introduce themselves and swap business cards with those they are seated with and other conference attendees.

**09:50 - 10:20**

#### Ministerial Address

Exploring the latest in the NT infrastructure sector.

The Hon Natasha Fyles MLA, Attorney General; Minister for Justice, Northern Territory Government



**10:20 - 10:40**

#### Northern Territory Airport Expansion

- Across airport facilities in Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, the \$300 million expansion will improve runway infrastructure, upgrade cold storage and energy resources, and develop a new airport freight and training hub.
- Three new solar farms and a large-scale battery storage system will ensure the airports are powered by renewable energy.
- The expansion aims to facilitate significant growth within NT trade and tourism, while creating up to 1,500 jobs across the Territory.

Ross Baynes, Director Property and Operations, Northern Territory Airports



🕒 10:40 - 11:00

## Larrakeyah Defence Precinct Redevelopment Program

- Update on the status of Redevelopment Program
- The Works will include:
  - Upgrading or replacing engineering services
  - Construction of new working accommodation
  - Construction of an outer harbour wharf at HMAS Coonawarra
- Opportunities for local industry participation.

Graeme Maclean, Project Director, Laing O'Rourke



🕒 11:00 - 11:30  
TEA BREAK

🕒 11:30 - 12:20

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Innovating the NT Economy

- Harnessing transformative economic opportunities, even in a climate of fiscal challenge.
- Exploring areas of possible growth/development.
- Investing in the right infrastructure projects.

Hendri Mentz, Managing Partner, South Australia, Deloitte Australia

Pascal Tremblay, Associate Professor – Northern Australian Development, Charles Darwin University

Shaun Drabsch, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

Tony Stubbin, Chief Executive Officer, Land Development Corporation



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## Developing Investment Territory: Supporting Major Projects Investment

- The new 40-person team will see investors in the NT through to an investment outcome.
- Investment Territory aims to increase the Territory's growth rate from 2.5% to 5%, in order to aid the NT economy and create job opportunities.
- Task force overview and updates.

Luke Bowen, General Manager, Department of Trade, Business and Innovation



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### Land Development Corporation Updates

- Exploring the latest developments in the Land Development Corporation pipeline.
- Bringing projects to fruition underpinned by sustainability, innovation and partnership.

Tony Stubbin, Chief Executive Officer, Land Development Corporation



🕒 13:00 - 14:00  
LUNCH BREAK

🕒 14:00 - 14:20

### NT's Agricultural Sector: Where Are We and Where Do We Need to Be?

- Untapping the continued potential of the Territory's beef industry.
- Current NT investment/policies within the agricultural sector: what's working and what isn't.
- Reshaping investment priorities to improve the Territory's economy and job prospects for locals.

Ashley Manicaros, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association



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### Updates on Core's Finnis Lithium Project

- Latest developments on the highly prospective project.
- Benefits of an NT lithium reserve.
- What's next?

Stephen Biggins, Managing Director, Core Lithium



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TEA BREAK

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### Arnhem Space Centre

- This proposed space centre project, granted approval by traditional land owners, could see long-term benefits for East Arnhem Land.
- It will include multiple launch sites, making use of various launch vehicles to provide sub-orbital and orbital access to space for private, public and research sectors.
- Balancing opportunities for growth with commercial risks.

Carley Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Equatorial Launch Australia



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### The 10 Gigawatt Vision: How renewable energy can power jobs and investment in the Northern Territory



The Northern Territory has great advantages in the new era of renewable energy, with great potential for sustainable development: Access to cheap capital, a skilled workforce and experience with complex engineering projects. But above all, it is one of the sunniest places in the world.

Beyond Zero Emissions' new report - ***The ten gigawatt vision*** - presents a vision for the Northern Territory to capture these advantages. It outlines how the Territory can establish itself as a leader in renewable energy, becoming a destination of choice for companies wanting to set up smart, clean operations powered by renewables.

This presentation steps through the seven opportunities that could create over 8,000 jobs and over \$2 billion in revenue by 2030, and shares the early response from Government, business and community leaders.

Vanessa Petrie, Chief Executive Officer, Beyond Zero Emissions

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### Supporting Defence in the Territory



- The importance of the Northern Territory to Australia's Defence.
- Defence Commitments in the Territory.
- Local Defence Readiness.

Karen Green, Managing Partner, Deloitte

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### Success and Sustainability



Exploring the sustainable practices in ConocoPhillips NT operations that continue to deliver local benefits and operational success.

- Capacity building in the service and supply sector to maximise local contracts
- Local training and workforce development to support a residential workforce policy
- Larrakia and ATSI participation to create opportunities and reflect a uniquely NT culture
- Industry collaboration to identify and develop opportunities

Jett Street, External Relations Lead - NT, ConocoPhillips

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COCKTAIL NETWORKING FUNCTION

**Day 2 - WED 30th October 2019**

🕒 09:00 - 09:30  
REGISTRATION

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### Opening Address

Updates and insights on upcoming major projects within the City of Darwin.

Kon Vatskalis JP, The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Darwin, City of Darwin



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### Mount Peake Project – A World Class Strategic Metals Asset

- Update on the progress of the development of the Mount Peake Project.
- The benefits of its strategic location, specifically for the NT economy.

Paul Burton, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, TNG Limited



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### Maximising the Territory's Visitor Economy

- The role of targeted policy and government intervention in enhancing the future of the Territory's tourism market.
- Areas and opportunities for tourism and infrastructure growth.
- Transitioning from the mining economy: a viable path to success?

Margy Osmond, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism and Transport Forum Australia



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TEA BREAK

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## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Meeting the Workforce Needs of the Northern Territory

- Boosting opportunities for construction sectors and workers in the NT, amongst a diverse environment.
- Encouraging increased local investment in the construction sector: is changing up the labour market and examining workplace relations frameworks the way?
- Moving labour to the north: opportunities for growth.

Adrian Celotti, Director, Celotti Workforce

Alicia Boyle, Research Fellow – Regional Economic Workforce Development, Charles Darwin University

Stephen Goodall, Industry Engagement Team Leader, ISACNT

Tom Harris, Chief Executive Officer, Civil Contractors Federation NT

Tracy Clark, Executive Director, Strategy and Partnerships, Department of Trade, Business and Innovation



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### Enhancing Mining Opportunities for Territory Growth

- Overcoming obstacles hindering mining sector growth.
- Towards positive outcomes: effectively engaging with public, private and local sectors.
- Harnessing key areas of mining and resources development.

Drew Wagner, Executive Director – Northern Territory Division, Minerals Council of Australia



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### Financing Infrastructure Development as an Enabler of Growth

- NAIF is a \$5bn Federal Government fund established to develop infrastructure in Northern Australia
- NAIF funding is available for extended terms and at concessional rates to encourage investment leading to economic and population growth in the North

Tim Hallam, Executive Director Origination, Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

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## Alice Springs Ground Station: Commercial 'Real Time' Satellite Earth Observation in the NT



- Aboriginal not-for-profit company secures \$6M commercial investment, operational December 2019, significant commercial return.
- Part of global Viasat Inc ground station network, revolutionizing data delivery for Low Earth Orbiting satellites, lower latency communications to earth observation and remote sensing applications.
- Data on demand to; shipping, disaster management, environmental management, oil & gas, agriculture industries etc.

Dr Steve Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Appropriate Technology

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REFRESHMENTS

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\*Speakers to be confirmed

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