

Jobs First

The Territory has weathered the pandemic better than anywhere else in the country. The Territory is Australia's comeback capital.

- The Territory's economy grew by 5.3 per cent in the last financial year while the Australian economy went backwards.
- Our unemployment rate is lower than the national average, and it is predicted to stay lower.
- Retail figures grew by 10.2 per cent in 2020 – this was the strongest growth in the Territory in over a decade.

- The number of residential building approvals increased by 25.2 per cent in 2020, the strongest of the jurisdictions, and well above national growth of 5.2 per cent.

We are keeping the 'whatever it takes' attitude that has steered us through this crisis, and we'll keep it going for the recovery. We are turning this once-in-a-century crisis into a once-in-a-century opportunity.

We have set an ambitious goal for the Territory to be a \$40 billion economy by 2030 – with 35,000 new jobs for Territorians, while the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission has given us a blueprint for the future.

In 2021 we are:

- Making it easier to do business by launching the first phase of our \$10 million 'Can-Do Territory Online Portal' – this cuts red tape and gets you working faster.
- Working with the private sector to deliver a pipeline of investments, including 17 new mining projects, the massive Barossa Gas Project and delivering investments in infrastructure to develop the Beetaloo sub-basin.
- Powering bush homes into the future with a \$6.6 million investment in the Renewable Remote Power Program.
- Securing water supplies for drinking, growing and making by investing \$3.7 million in accelerated works, including the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage project.
- Delivering \$1.75B in job-creating infrastructure, including new and refurbished remote housing, investing in the future of Jabiru, investing in the National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs and extending the arts trail of galleries in Arnhem Land, Katherine and Tennant Creek.



Health Initiatives

The Government's number one focus is protecting Territorians during the coronavirus crisis. We have always put Territorians' health first, which has made us the safest place in Australia, with no community transmission.

Territorians deserve access to high-quality health services and that is what we will continue to deliver.

In 2021 we are:

- Rolling out Covid-19 Vaccinations to make the Territory free of the disease.
- Increasing access to remote health care by launching the NT Health Virtual Care Strategy in March 2021.
- Investing into the heart of Kakadu with the new Jabiru Health Centre including ambulance bay, consult rooms, dental, hearing and x-rays.
- Improving the mental health of Territorians by introducing the Mental Health and Related Services Act Review.
- Housing more staff at Tennant Creek Hospital by investing \$3.175 million into the creation of accommodation units.



Police & Community Safety

Community safety is a key priority for the Government. That's why we've recruited more police than ever before – more than 100 more officers on the beat compared to the same time last year – and delivered a record police budget of nearly \$500 million.

Our police and emergency services workers are doing an extraordinary job protecting the Territory from COVID-19 and keeping our communities safe.

We've invested more in youth services to help stop crime before it starts, but tackling crime is always a challenge and there is no silver-bullet solution – it requires more hard work.

In 2021 we are:

- Introducing new laws to punish ringleaders who recruit young people to commit crimes.
- Reviewing penalties for property crime to make sure crimes like break-ins and vehicle theft are properly punished.
- Working on more reforms that give young people a better start at life to help break the cycle of crime.

Education, Children, Youth

Our young people are the heart and soul of the Northern Territory. They are critical to our economic and social recovery post-COVID-19, and when we invest in young people, we invest in the future of the Territory.

In 2021 we will continue to invest in more teachers, more specialist support staff and improved infrastructure, ensuring our education system is continually improving.

In 2021 we are:

- Giving Territory kids the best start they can get by investing \$541.3 million into the running of our schools.
- We're providing more classrooms for our kids with \$93.5 million for improved amenities.
- We're investing \$36.2 million into timely repairs and maintenance of education facilities, as well as capital grants.
- Focussing on VET program and ensuring that children attending remote schools have access to education and skills to prepare them for the future.