



Central Australia is the Territory's largest region located in the heart of Australia. The region comprises small communities separated by long distances.

The main town is Alice Springs – the centre for the very best in Aboriginal tourism experiences and Aboriginal art. Major industries include tourism, mining, oil and gas exploration, and construction.

Culturally diverse and resource rich, it is a region poised for opportunity and growth.

Alice Springs Hospital accommodation and multi-storey car park

The project will deliver high quality and modern staff accommodation in close proximity to the hospital and assist in retaining a quality workforce. It is expected to cost \$29M over the term of the lease (15 years) and will support 120 construction jobs and 125 indirect jobs with at least 15 per cent Aboriginal participation.

Environmental works on the site have been completed and essential works such as sewer, electrical and water have been established. Major excavation works have commenced, with a completion date of early 2022.

A new \$11.9M multi-storey car park at the Alice Springs Hospital will accommodate 250 cars and provide much needed additional on-site car parking for staff and public at the Hospital.

Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation

The NT Government has invested \$15M to increase the liveability and attractiveness of the Alice Springs CBD with exciting initiatives underway to enhance amenities, improve safety, reduce radiant heat and bring people and business back into the CBD area.

Shade structures and cooling initiatives, a lighting master plan and river activation space have transitioned into the execution phase and are expected to be completed between March and October 2021. The NT Government is working with the Alice Springs Town Council to progress the Water Play Project with works expected to commence works in 2021.

Outback Way

Upgrades to the Outback Way will enable mining, pastoral, cattle and tourism growth by connecting Queensland through the Territory to Western Australia.

Construction on the Plenty Highway and the Tjukururu Road commenced in 2015. Several road upgrades have been completed to date. There are ongoing projects that will take place over coming years to provide a continuous sealed route from WA to QLD in line with the priorities identified in the Outback Way Investment Strategy.

Destination West MacDonnell

The NT Government is committed to growing tourism in the West MacDonnell region. A Destination Management Plan is under development for the region to guide the sustainable growth of the tourism industry.

Restorations are currently underway on the Hermannsburg Historic Precinct as part of the NT Government's \$3M Turbocharging Tourism investment.

National Aboriginal Art Gallery

The NT Government has committed \$50M to a National Aboriginal Art Gallery in Alice Springs. The Gallery will showcase Aboriginal art and culture and deliver significant benefits to the Central Australian region, including 164-245 direct and indirect jobs.

The NT Government has commenced a compulsory land acquisition process for the Gallery to be located in the ANZAC Hill precinct and is consulting with the Alice Springs Town Council to secure this land.