

The East Arnhem region is 33,000 square kilometres of Aboriginal land. It is one of the last pristine environments on earth and has been home to the Yolŋu and Anindilyakwa people for over 40,000 years.

Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula supports a network of regional communities and homelands and the Gove bauxite mining operations. To the south east of Nhulunbuy is the extraordinary Groote Archipelago and the world class GEMCO manganese operations. The East Arnhem region is seeing growth in the forestry, mining, tourism and space sectors.

### Road investment

The Australian and NT governments are jointly investing \$225M to upgrade the Central Arnhem Road from the Stuart Highway to Nhulunbuy.

The coming year will see the corridor investment strategy completed, approvals advanced and completion of the first packages of work. A further \$6M of Territory funded works will complete additional road sealing works at Bulman completed in 2021.

### Port investment

The Territory and other regional partners are investing \$8M in major upgrades to the Gove Port tourism precinct. The works will provide high quality land and marine side facilities for recreational and industry users to support tourism growth. The year ahead will see the completion of design and early works packages commenced.

### Arts investment

The Territory has committed \$4.5M to upgrade and expand the world renowned Buku-Larrŋgay Mulka centre at Yirrkala and to support the construction of a new building for Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts through a partnership with the Australian Government. This investment will underpin the growth of the regional arts and tourism sectors. The year ahead will see design completion and planning approval with construction works in the dry season of 2022.

### Housing investment

Over 200 houses in East Arnhem communities will be built in the next five years as part of the Territory's HomeBuildNT program. Infrastructure and land servicing works are well advanced in a number of communities and in the year ahead, new houses will be completed in Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Yirrkala and Galiwin'ku.

### Telecommunications investment

The NT Government, together with the Anindilyakwa Land Council, GEMCO and Telstra have committed \$7.5M to upgrade the optic fibre backbone to Groote Eylandt. In addition, Telstra, Developing East Arnhem Limited and the Territory have committed \$5.5M to upgrade the Arnhem optic fibre backbone which services all the communities from Jabiru to Nhulunbuy. Subject to detailed planning and Australian Government participation, these optic fibre network upgrades will significantly alleviate congestion on these networks and ensure communities on these paths can access higher quality telecommunication services. The year ahead will see detailed planning completed for the Arnhem Fibre and works commence for Groote Eylandt.

### Regional services investment

Works are advancing at the Gove District Hospital to upgrade the medical imaging department and install a new CT scanner which will provide a significant capability enhancement for the hospital. Works have commenced with completion expected in the first half of 2021.

The year ahead will see the establishment of a child and family centre in Gapuwiyak through a community co-design process and a Territory investment of up to \$4M over five years. In addition, the Territory and Australian Governments are co-investing \$2.5M over two years to establish a new Yolŋu led youth development model in the Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Ramingining and Milingimbi regions.

