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The North's Value Proposition – Towards a Compelling Vision

THE NORTH PROVIDES FOR AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA HOLDS THE KEY TO AUSTRALIA'S POST COVID RECOVERY AND FUTURE ASEAN/PACIFIC RELATIONS

INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS THE KEY TO BETTER OUTCOMES FROM THE DNA AGENDA



Emerging Post Conference Themes 2020

- There has been progress on key infrastructure builds, but we need a stronger **pipeline of visible investment proposals** to secure NAIF and other forms of public/private sector finance.
- A clear Northern Australian strategy is needed that focuses on implementing and achieving benefit from the **Regional Comprehensive Partnership Agreement**.
- Its time for bi/trilateral collaboration for **strategic, land use and infrastructure planning**. Proposed EPBC reforms present some opportunities for developing a better approach.
- We need a focus on **negotiated tenure reforms** and effective tenure resolution processes.
- Targeted investment is needed to support **collaboration and planning for supply chains**.



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Emerging Post Conference Themes 2020 continued...

- We need a stronger **bilateral approach to water infrastructure development**.
- Active and integrated implementation of the **Indigenous Reference Group Accord** is needed that is integrated with the wider Developing Northern Australia agenda.
- We need a stronger focus on the **insurance, energy, health, tourism and defence** sectors.
- There is a key **role for education** (VET and HE) and a need for sectoral and geographic **workforce/population strategies** (e.g. cap reviews/in situ education).
- We need to maintain and strengthen key **Northern Australian governance arrangements** (e.g. the Ministerial Forum, NASONG, the Indigenous Reference Group, etc.).



Emerging Post Conference Themes 2019

- Stronger **place-based and leadership-rich partnerships** (Federal, State, Local, Traditional Owner and Industry) to drive strategic planning and development decision making in priority locations. These should **drive shared investment, promote resilience and manage risk.**
- Ramping up policy and investment solutions behind priorities set by the **Indigenous Reference Group to achieve Indigenous-led development.**
- An **urgent and strategic** focus on investment in supply and value chain development and efficiency to **increase scale and to drive down costs.** This includes stronger collaborations and greater use of data and technology to address **key blockages in these chains.**
- Clearer recognition of the critical need to **achieve secure, affordable and clean energy** while also significantly building more **flexible and adaptable workforces** for the future.



Emerging Post Conference Themes 2019 continued...

- A more active and visible government and industry investment and involvement in **ASEAN market, supply chain and capital investment relationships**.
- **Investing to build upon existing success** (from enterprise to NAIF scale) and greater support for building business cases that facilitate investment across these scales.
- Significant tri-lateral policy and investment action to secure **affordable air travel and communications**, particularly in northern WA.
- Building in a local component to the conference annually.