



The North's Continuing Value Proposition

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 2021

- **There is a strong willingness for more Commonwealth, State and Territory Government collaboration**, but Governments will need to work more closely with Local government, Traditional Owners, Regional Development Organisations, the private sector and the community.
- **With broader Infrastructure Australia Priority list criteria, there are foundational new opportunities for strategic thinking and action to progress** enabling infrastructure, strategic water development and placed-based digital and mobile improvements.
- There is support for revitalising the **Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) to achieve Indigenous-led development, diplomacy, supply chains and finance** through implementing the existing accord.
- **Stronger cooperation is emerging between key players** such as IA, CRCNA, NAIF, ONA, NWGA, DAWE and the jurisdictions to tackle the big strategic planning issues and to build the pipeline of investment to NAIF and other investment sources.



Emerging Post Conference Themes 2021 continued...

- We should be keeping COVID safe, but we should also be **gearing back into international trade and development** while continuing to build Northern Australia's cultural intelligence across ASEAN and Pacific Nations.
- **There is a need to step up to the challenge emerging from the IPCC Report via innovation and investment.**
- **There is optimism among Universities with a Northern Australian footprint working together on stronger education, workforce, research and innovation foundations.**
- There is a need for stronger recognition and focus to **achieve secure, affordable and clean energy** while building **robust workforces and stronger health/housing services** for the future.