

## BUDGET 2021-22 INVESTMENTS - NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

The Budget 2021-22 Northern Australia investment overview has been prepared by the Office of Northern Australia. The table includes new initiatives relevant to northern Australia, announced in the Budget on 11 May 2021. It is not a comprehensive overview of all Budget measures nationally. This information is intended for use within your organisation and we refer you to [Budget.gov.au](http://Budget.gov.au) for the full detail.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA SPECIFIC MEASURES							
Total for northern Australia - \$1.4238 billion							
Budget measure title	Total investment	Investment for NA	Funding period	Jurisdiction	Detail	Responsible agency	Reference
<b>Our North, Our Future: 2021-2026 – Next Five Year Plan</b>	\$189.6 million	\$189.6 million	Over 5 years from 2021-22	Northern Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$111.9m over 5 years to establish a Northern Australia Development Program to support businesses to scale-up projects into commercial outcomes by providing co-investment funding and an advisory service.</li> <li>\$68.5m over 2 years to deliver targeted digital connectivity solutions in northern Australia through dedicated funding under the Regional Connectivity Program and the Mobile Black Spot Program.</li> <li>\$9.3m over 5 years to implement and evaluate a pilot Regions of Growth program to provide on-ground resources in four geographic regions in northern Australia to focus investment, job creation and business growth.</li> </ul>	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 142
<b>Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project</b>	Not for publication	Not for publication	Over 11 years from 2021-22	NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding to conduct full rehabilitation works at the former Rum Jungle mine site near Batchelor, Northern Territory. Financial implications are not public due to commercial sensitivities. This builds on the 2020-21 Budget measure Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project — additional funding.</li> </ul>	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 143
<b>Strategic Basins Plans</b>	\$22.9 million	\$22.9 million	Over 3 years from 2021-22	QLD, NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$15.7m to support gas industry field appraisal trials in the North Bowen and Galilee basins.</li> <li>\$5m towards Bowen pipeline pre-feasibility study.</li> <li>\$2.2m to build the Northern Land Council's capacity to facilitate land use agreements and drive economic opportunities in the Beetaloo sub-basin.</li> </ul>	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 144
<b>Cyclone and Related Flooding Reinsurance Pool</b>	\$2.4 million	\$2.4 million	2021-22	Northern Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reinsurance pool will be established (commencing 1 July 2022) to cover cyclone and related flood damage in Northern Australia to reduce the rising cost of insurance premiums associated with cyclone damage.</li> <li>\$2.4m to establish a taskforce to design and implement the reinsurance pool, in consultation with industry.</li> </ul>	Treasury	RMBS P. 289 Budget Paper No. 2 P. 186
<b>North Queensland Strata Title Resilience Pilot Program</b>	\$40.3 million	\$40.3 million	2021-22 to 2023-24	QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$40.3m for a pilot program implemented with the Queensland Government to fund cyclone risk mitigation works for strata title properties in North Queensland, to specifically reduce insurance costs for strata properties, to start in 2022.</li> </ul>	Treasury	RMBS P. 289 Budget Paper No. 2 P. 66
<b>COVID-19 Response Package – aviation and tourism support - extension</b>	\$14.1 million	\$14.1 million		QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$14.1m over three years from 2021-22 to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to support tourism and to conduct a review of the Authority's current charging structure.</li> </ul>	Cross Portfolio	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 69
<b>Improving Energy Affordability and Reliability</b>	\$49.3 million	\$49.3 million	Over 6 years from 2020-21	NT North QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$30m in 2021-22 to provide funding for the Katherine-Darwin Interconnected System big battery project and micro grid rollout in the Northern Territory</li> <li>\$19.3m over three years from 2021-22 to support the development of a renewable energy micro grid incorporating hydrogen for the Daintree community in Far North Qld</li> </ul>	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 140
<b>Infrastructure Investment – Northern Territory</b>	\$323.9 million	\$323.9 million	From 2021-22	NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$173.6m for the Northern Territory Gas Industry Roads upgrades</li> <li>\$150m for the Northern Territory National Network Highway upgrades (Phase 2).</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 153
<b>Infrastructure investment - QLD</b>	\$1.6 billion	\$640 million		QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$400m for the Inland Freight Route (Mungindi to Charters Towers) Upgrades</li> <li>\$240m for the Cairns Western Arterial Road Duplication</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 153
<b>Infrastructure investment - WA</b>	\$1.3 billion	\$96 million	From 2021-22	WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$48m for the Great Northern Highway — Broome to Kununurra (Nellie Springs to Sally Downs Way and Arthur Creek)</li> <li>\$48m for the Marble Bar Road Upgrade</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 160
<b>Services to Territories</b>	\$2.3 million	\$2.3 million	Over 4 years from 2021-22	NT (Lingiari electorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2.3m over two years from 2021-22 to support initiatives promoting economic diversification and growth in the Indian Ocean Territories, including improving water security and waste management and trialling niche agriculture methods.</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 166
<b>Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements</b>	\$275.9 million	\$5 million	2021-22	QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5m for grants to primary producers in Queensland affected by Tropical Cyclone Niran in February and March 2021.</li> </ul>	Home Affairs	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 130
<b>Community Development Grants Programme</b>	\$55.5 million	\$38 million	Over 3 years from 2021-22	QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$25m for the Rockhampton Aviation Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Facility in Queensland.</li> <li>\$13m for the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre in Queensland.</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 147



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<b>Cross Portfolio</b>							
<b>Digital Economy Strategy</b>	\$1.2 billion		Over 6 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$124.2m to enhance Artificial Intelligence (AI) capability.</li> <li>- Investing \$35.7m in emerging aviation technologies.</li> <li>- \$18.8m for a Digital Games Tax Offset to provide a 30% refundable tax offset for qualifying Australian digital games expenditure ongoing from 1 July 2022.</li> <li>- \$168m to unlock the value of data.</li> <li>- \$101.20m for digital infrastructure and skills:</li> <li>- \$28m for Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) digitalisation.</li> <li>- Investing \$33.5m to improving safety, security and trust in mobile networks, accelerate commercialisation of sovereign network and data security solutions and to deliver a National Data Security Action Plan.</li> </ul>	Cross Portfolio	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 73
<b>COVID-19 Response Package – aviation and tourism support - extension</b>	\$94.6 million		Over 4 years from 2020-21	National	Extend the Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums program.	Cross Portfolio	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 69
<b>Building Australia's Resilience</b>	\$1.2 billion	\$40.3 million	Over 5 years from 2020-21	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$615.5m for the Preparing Australia program to provide grants for projects that support public and private disaster risk reduction and resilience.</li> <li>- \$280m for grants for projects in bushfire affected areas.</li> <li>- \$209.7m to establish the Australian Climate Service to anticipate and prepare for more extreme weather events due to a changing climate, and inform risk reduction and resilience investments.</li> <li>- \$90m to improve Emergency Management Australia's ability to manage national natural disasters, including through strengthening the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre.</li> <li>- \$61.1m to establish the National Recovery and Resilience Agency to lead national efforts in preparedness for and recovery from natural disasters and other hazards.</li> <li>- <i>Initiative included under northern Australia specific measures</i> - \$40.3 million for a pilot program implemented with the Queensland Government to fund cyclone risk mitigation works for strata title properties in North Queensland.</li> <li>- \$8.5m for the Rural Financial Counselling Service to improve financial counselling services to primary producers experiencing financial hardship, and extend support for a further six months for rural and regional small businesses affected by drought, COVID-19 or the 2019-20 bushfires.</li> <li>- \$4.5m for a national recovery capability package to uplift recovery and resilience capability at the local, regional and national level.</li> <li>- \$2.2m to design a cell broadcast national messaging system to provide information to the Australian public concerning events of national significance.</li> </ul>	Cross portfolio	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 65
<b>Women's Economic Security Package</b>	\$1.8 billion		Over 5 years from 2020-21	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$1.7b to reduce out of pocket costs and support parental choice through increasing the Child Care Subsidy.</li> <li>- \$42.4m to establish the Boosting the Next Generation of Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program by co-funding scholarships for women in STEM in partnership with industry.</li> <li>- \$38.3m to increase grant funding for the Women's Leadership and Development Program.</li> <li>- \$13.9m to establish an Early Stage Social Enterprise Foundation for capacity building and financial support for early stage social enterprises that improve the safety and economic security of Indigenous women.</li> <li>- \$12.2m for an additional round of the National Careers Institute Partnership Grants program to support projects that facilitate career opportunities and career pathways for women.</li> <li>- \$10.7m to extend the family law small claims property pilot and Legal Aid Commission family law property mediation trial for settlement of property of less than \$500,000 following a relationship breakdown.</li> <li>- \$2.6m to expand the Career Revive program so more medium to large regional businesses attract and retain women returning to work after a career break.</li> <li>- \$600,000 for the Women in STEM Ambassador to develop an evaluation toolkit to support standardised evaluation planning and reporting tools for the STEM sector in the evaluation of STEM gender equity initiatives.</li> </ul>	Cross portfolio	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 81

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<b>Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b>							
<b>Drought response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan – continues support</b>	\$212.2 million		Over 4 years from 2020-21	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$172.5m through the Future Drought Fund to continue a range of programs and activities that will support the long-term drought resilience and preparedness of primary producers, rural and regional communities and local governments, including through Federation Funding Agreements.</li> <li>- \$25m in 2021-22 to extend the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme to 30 June 2022.</li> <li>- \$14.7m over 3 years to waive farm business income reconciliation debts incurred by Farm Household Allowance recipients for the period up to, and including, the 2019-20 financial year.</li> </ul>	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 56
<b>Agriculture 2030</b>	\$850.4 million		Over 5 years from 2020-21	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$58.6m to continue to address biosecurity risk posed by African Swine Fever.</li> <li>- \$25.5m for modern technologies and diagnostic tools to improve the speed and accuracy of pest and disease identification.</li> <li>- \$14.5m to protect Australian grain and horticultural industry from the threat of Khapra Beetle.</li> <li>- \$31.2m to deliver digital capability for biosecurity screening of incoming international mail.</li> <li>- \$28.7m over 4 years to upgrade Maritime Arrivals and Reporting System to more accurately predict biosecurity risks of aircraft and vessels and their cargo.</li> <li>- \$19.5m to trial pre-border biosecurity screening technology on travellers and air cargo.</li> <li>- \$1.5m for a business case to improve systems that manage container cargo risk.</li> <li>- \$96.6m to manage biosecurity posed by hitchhiker pests arriving in imported cargo, which will be partially recovered from industry.</li> <li>- \$67.4m to ensure Australia continues to have a robust biosecurity preparedness and response capability in the event of a pest and disease outbreak.</li> <li>- \$34.6m to enable regional pest and disease intelligence and analytics.</li> <li>- \$29.1m for reduction and prevention activities to reduce the economic and environmental burden of established feral animals, pests and weeds.</li> <li>- \$102m to incentivise farmers to increase soil testing and enhance the National Soil Resources Information System by feeding in new and existing data.</li> <li>- \$20.9m to implement a National Soils Science Challenge to advance understanding of Australia’s soils.</li> <li>- \$18m for Soils Extension Services to assist famer understand the benefits of soil testing.</li> <li>- \$5.9m to implement and coordinate programs in support of the National Soils Strategy.</li> <li>- \$1.1m to develop and roll out accreditation to enhance soil education and expertise.</li> <li>- \$59.8m to deliver grants through a Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund.</li> <li>- \$7.2m to deliver a community and education program of processed organic waste.</li> <li>- \$22.3m for a pilot stewardship program to enhance existing high value native vegetation on farms.</li> <li>- \$5.4m to implement Australia farm biodiversity certification that will certify participating farms’ biodiversity credentials.</li> <li>- \$4.2m to develop a unified, standardised metrics and measurements framework to support informed investment and development of Australia’s national capital.</li> <li>- \$4.4m to develop biodiversity trading platform to support an emerging market in biodiversity services.</li> <li>- \$72.7m to support food and agriculture exporters to maintain, diversify or expand their export markets through the AgriBusiness Expansion Initiative.</li> <li>- \$15.0m to enhance representation and promotion of Australian’s interest in international fora and standard setting bodies.</li> <li>- \$9m to extend the Improved Access to Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Program to help farmers to gain improved access to safe and effective agriculture and veterinary chemicals.</li> <li>- \$5.4m to fund projects in collaboration with the perishable agriculture goods industry that improves market transparency in the sector.</li> <li>- \$37.5m in existing loan funding through the Regional Investment Corporation for Plantation Development Concessional Loans to encourage new plantation development and the replanting of bushfire damaged plantations and \$0.8m in the 2021-22 for the RIC administer the loans.</li> <li>- \$10.6m to support the continued operation and establish new Regional Forestry Hubs that will work with industry, state and local governments.</li> <li>- \$1.3m to undertake a feasibility study to expand the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation.</li> <li>- \$10.1m for a pilot AgUP program to co-fund industry initiatives.</li> <li>- \$8.5m to improve the collection, analysis and forecasting of agricultural labour force data, improve career advice through up-to-date mapping of agriculture career occupations; and update occupational standards in the ANZSCO.</li> <li>- \$5.3m for a pilot AgCAREERSSTART program for school leavers to undertake farm placements.</li> </ul>	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 51

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$3.6m to extend Fair Farms program to support fair employment practices in the horticultural sector.</li> <li>- \$1.3m for a research and development corporation to undertake research on community perceptions of agricultural work and the attraction and retention of agriculture sector workers.</li> <li>- \$1m to develop resources for agricultural employers to implement modern workforce management and planning practices.</li> <li>- \$4.2m as an initial investment in Australian agricultural innovation system through the National Agricultural Innovation Agenda.</li> <li>- \$500,000 for an expanded Australian Farm Data Code to provide farmers with confidence to adopt digital technologies and provide guidance to support best practice.</li> </ul>			
<b>Independent Review of the EPBC Act – initial response</b>	\$29.3 million			National	\$23.9m to maintain the timeliness of Commonwealth environmental assessments and to support the delivery of policy reforms as part of the Government’s initial response to the EPBC Review.		Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	Budget Paper No. 2 P.57
<b>Oceans Leadership Package</b>	\$100.1 million			National	\$100.1m to stimulate economic growth and jobs in the emerging blue economy while improving the environmental outcomes for key species and sites in Australia oceans.		Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	Budget Paper No. 2 P.59
<b>Education, Skills and Employment</b>								
<b>Job Trainer Fund</b>	\$506.3 million		2021-22 to 2022-23	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$500m for the National Partnership Agreement on the JobTrainer Fund to be matched by contributions from the states and territories to deliver around 163,000 additional low fee and free training places in areas of skills need, including 33,800 additional training places to support aged care skills needs and 10,000 places for digital skills courses.</li> <li>- \$6.3m for a campaign to encourage take-up of training opportunities.</li> </ul>		Department of Education, Skills and Employment	Budget Paper No. 2 P.88
<b>Stronger Support for Skills Reform</b>	\$285 million		Over 5 years from 2020-21	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$149.2m over 4 years to establish up to 15 industry-owned Skills Enterprises to deliver improved skills and workforce outcomes through collaboration with industry and to ensure that the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system is response to industry and employer skills needs.</li> <li>- \$69.1m to establish a new VET National Data Asset by leveraging the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ Multi-Agency Data Integration Project.</li> <li>- \$30.9m over 4 years to redesign and rebuild the National Training Register to provide greater transparency of training packages, and improved information about work placements and assessment.</li> <li>- \$23.6m over 4 years to support foundation skills by uncapping the Skills for Education and Employment program, increase project funding to include digital skills training for job seekers, provide additional funding for foundation skills policy development, and leverage the Reading Writing Hotline to promote the Foundation Skills Guarantee.</li> <li>- \$12.1m over 4 years to simplify Australian apprenticeship pathways information, and to develop a single national digital apprenticeship portal.</li> </ul>		Department of Education, Skills and Employment	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 93-94
<b>Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements</b>	\$2.7 billion			National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uncap the number of eligible places and increase the duration of the 50% wage subsidy to 12 months from the date an apprentice or trainee commences with their employer.</li> </ul>		Department of Education, Skills and Employment	Budget Paper No. 2 P.88
<b>Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>								
<b>Enhanced Trade and Strategic Capability</b>	\$198.2 million		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	Support Australian exporters and businesses and advance Australia’s international interests.		Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 97
<b>Health</b>								
<b>COVID-19 Response Package — extension</b>	\$845.3 million	\$487 million	2020-21 to 2021-22	NT / National	<p>Supporting the Government’s emergency response to COVID-19. Funding includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$487m to expand quarantine services in the Northern Territory. The cost of this measure will be partially recovered from people who quarantine at the facility.</li> </ul>		Department of Health; Treasury; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Australian Federal Police; Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment; National Health Funding Body	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 107

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<b>COVID 19 Response Package — guaranteeing Medicare and access to medicines — extension</b>	\$879 million		2020-21 to 2021-22	National	\$879m to continue the health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to support access to health care services and reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19. Funding includes: - \$11.2m to continue the remote response to COVID-19 to support regional and remote Indigenous communities throughout Australia.	Department of Health; Services Australia; Department of Veterans' Affairs	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 105
<b>Guaranteeing Medicare — strengthening the rural health workforce</b>	\$80.9 million		2020-21 to 2024-25	National	\$80.9m for initiatives to support the delivery of primary care and the health workforce in rural and remote Australia. Funding includes: - \$65.8m to increase the Rural Bulk Billing Incentive for rural and remote medical practice. - \$9.6m to expand the Allied Health Rural Generalist Pathway to support more allied health professionals to train in rural and remote Australia. - \$3.8m to continue development of the Bonded Return of Service System to support implementation of the Bonded Medical Program. - \$1.8m to fund community supported rural primary care trials.	Department of Health; Department of Veterans' Affairs; Services Australia	Budget Paper No. 2 P.111
<b>Home Affairs</b>							
<b>Migration — additional flexibility for student visa holders to work in the tourism and hospitality sectors</b>	Nil	Nil		National	- Flexibility for temporary visa holders to support Australian farmers to find workers. - From 5 January 2021, work limitation conditions placed on student visa holders have been temporarily lifted to allow these visa holders to work more than 40 hours per fortnight if they are employed in the agriculture sector. - Builds on changes previously provided for international students working in critical sectors, such as health and the aged care sector.	Home Affairs	Budget Paper No. 2 P.10
<b>Migration — additional flexibility for student visa holders to work in the tourism and hospitality sectors</b>	Nil	Nil		National	Further support to employers in the tourism and hospitality sectors to help them find workers, by temporarily allowing student visa holders to work more than 40 hours per fortnight, as long as they are employed in the tourism or hospitality sectors.	Home Affairs	Budget Paper No. 2 P.9
<b>Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b>							
<b>Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive - Extension</b>	\$100 million		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	An additional \$38.8m over 2 years from 2023-24 (and a further \$38.8m over 2 years from 2025-26) to extend the Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive program for 4 years to 30 June 2025. - Provides tax incentives for investment in junior minerals exploration companies that are raising capital to fund Greenfield exploration activity.	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 141
<b>Australia's Global Resources Strategy</b>	\$20.1 million		Over 2 years from 2021-22	National	Deliver a Global Resources Strategy that supports export market diversification for Australia's resources commodities; and establishes new initiatives to support Australian resources industries. Build relationships across governments and businesses to identify new investment opportunities in existing and new export markets.	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 136
<b>Advancing Australia Gas Fired Recovery</b>	\$58.6 million		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	- \$38.7m over 2 years to support critical gas infrastructure projects to help alleviate the potential gas shortfall on Australia's east coast. - \$5.6m over 2 years to develop the 2022 National Gas Infrastructure Plan which will forecast future gas market requirements and identify strategic infrastructure investment priorities. - \$4.6m over 4 years to develop initiatives that empower gas reliant businesses to better negotiate competitive outcomes. - \$3.5m to design a framework to facilitate Commonwealth investment in critical gas infrastructure projects, ensuring reliable and secure gas supply to Australian consumers.	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 135
<b>Improving Energy Affordability and Reliability</b>	\$215.4 million	\$49.3 million	Over 6 years from 2020-21	National	- <i>Initiative included under northern Australia specific measures</i> - Up to \$30m in 2021-22 to provide funding for the Katherine-Darwin Interconnected System big battery project and micro grid rollout in the Northern Territory - \$24.9m over 3 years to support the development of hydrogen ready gas generation infrastructure (with \$8.7m to be funded through a reprioritisation of existing resources) - <i>Initiative included under northern Australia specific measures</i> - \$19.3m over 3 years to support the development of a renewable energy micro grid incorporating hydrogen for the Daintree community in Far North Queensland.	Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 140

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<b>Emissions Reduction and New Investments under the Technology Investment Roadmap</b>	\$1.6 billion		Over 10 years from 2021-22 (including \$761.9 million over 4 years from 2021-22)	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.2b (\$643.4m over 4 years from 2021-22) to create a technology co-investment facility to support and develop regional hydrogen hubs, carbon capture, use and storage technologies, very low cost soil carbon measurement and new agricultural feed technologies, a high-integrity carbon offset scheme in the Indo-Pacific region, and implement the Technology Investment Roadmap and Low Emissions Technology Statements.</li> <li>\$279.9m (\$81.7m over 4 years from 2021-22) to establish the below baseline crediting mechanism recommended by the King Review and help realise abatement opportunities in large industrial facilities.</li> <li>\$26.4m over 4 years to support Australian businesses and supply chains to reduce their energy costs and improve productivity through the uptake of more energy efficient industrial equipment and business practices.</li> <li>\$10.4m over 4 years to expand the range of certifications offered by the Climate Active program and ensure it remains a best practice standard and certification scheme for Australian businesses looking to voluntarily reduce emissions.</li> </ul>		Department of Industry, Energy, Science and Resources	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 138
<b>Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b>								
<b>National Water Grid – New projects</b>	\$160 million		Over 2 years from 2021-22	National	\$160m to establish the National Water Grid Connections funding pathway to deliver small scale water infrastructure projects and provide short-term economic stimulus. Water infrastructure projects to be identified and delivered by jurisdictions over the two-year period to support primary industries, increase water security and build resilience while stimulating regional economies.		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 164
<b>Infrastructure investment - QLD</b>	\$1.6 billion		From 2021-22	QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$400m for Bruce Highway upgrades (across Queensland)</li> <li>Other priority regional and urban road and rail infrastructure projects in Queensland.</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 154
<b>Infrastructure investment - WA</b>	\$1.3 billion	\$96 million	From 2021-22	WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Initiative included under northern Australia specific measures</i> - \$48m for the Great Northern Highway — Broome to Kununurra (Nellie Springs to Sally Downs Way and Arthur Creek)</li> <li><i>Initiative included under northern Australia specific measures</i> - \$48m for the Marble Bar Road Upgrade</li> <li>Other priority regional and urban road and rail infrastructure projects in Western Australia</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 160
<b>Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Innovations and Growth Funding Package</b>	\$28.1 million – and \$6 million per year ongoing		Over 5 years from 2020-21	National	Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Action Plan, the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program and support for Indigenous arts centres and fairs.		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 150
<b>Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Extension</b>	\$1.0 billion		Over 2 years from 2021-22	National	Extends the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to support all local councils to maintain and deliver social infrastructure, improve road safety and bolster the resilience of Australia's local road network.		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 161
<b>Road Safety Program – extension</b>	\$1.0 billion		Over 2 years from 2021-22	National	<p>Road Safety Program to support the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small-scale road safety projects such as road widening, audio tactile line marking and barriers will be identified and delivered by jurisdictions in six month tranches to improve safety on Australian roads.</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 166
<b>Stronger Communities Programme – Round seven</b>	\$28.2 million		Over 2 years from 2021-22	National	<p>Stronger Communities Program: Round 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 for small capital projects that deliver social benefit for local communities across Australia.</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 167
<b>Supporting Infrastructure Investment</b>	\$141.6 million		Over 3 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$130.5m to undertake investigations at Australian civilian airports on risks and develop corresponding management plans for any identified per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.</li> <li>\$11.1m in 2021-22 to support the delivery of nationally significant infrastructure projects through the Significant Projects Investment Delivery Office.</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 168
<b>Supporting Regional Australia</b>	\$348 million \$0.1 million in 2025-26		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$256.5 for Building Better Regions Fund: Round 6.</li> <li>\$84.8m over 2 years for the Regional Connectivity Program to support the delivery of reliable, affordable and innovative digital services and technologies in regional and remote Australia.</li> <li>\$6.1m over 2 years to establish the Rebuilding Regional Communities program to assist community organisations and small enterprises in regional Australia to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>\$600,000 in 2021-22 to undertake a scoping study into establishing Australian Public Service Hubs in regional Australia</li> <li>Undertake an independent study to identify regulatory barriers to business relocation into regional Australia.</li> </ul>		Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 169 RMBS P. 196, 200

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Budget measure title	Total investment	Investment for NA	Funding period	Jurisdiction	Detail	Responsible agency	Reference
<b>Regionalisation and Decentralisation</b>				National	Regional Decentralisation Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A study to identify Australian, state, territory and local government regulations impacting business relocation to the regions, and quantify the cost of those regulations. The study will inform work to remove regulatory barriers and reduce the cost of doing business in regional Australia.</li> <li>- A scoping study into establishing Australian Public Service Hubs in regional Australia. The study will inform further consideration by the Government of the feasibility, cost and benefits of regional Hubs.</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	RMBS P. 201
<b>Services to Territories</b>	\$79.6 million		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National / NT (Lingiari electorate)	Deliver essential services and infrastructure to the Indian Ocean Territories, Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$58.6m to increase capacity to repair and maintain public assets and facilities to provide safe work and living environments.</li> <li>- \$18.7m in 2021-22 to deliver essential services and infrastructure on Norfolk Island to support economic development and liveability, including child protection and family wellbeing, education, health, aged care, prosecution, water and council services.</li> <li>- \$2.3m over 2 years to support initiatives promoting economic diversification and growth in the Indian Ocean Territories, including improving water security and waste management and trialling niche agriculture methods.</li> </ul>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Budget Paper No. 2 P. 166
<b>Prime Minister and Cabinet / National Indigenous Australian's Agency</b>							
<b>Indigenous Skills and Jobs Advancement</b>	\$243.6 million		Over 5 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$128.4m over 3 years for a new Indigenous Skills and Employment Program. Replaces existing programs, including the Employment Parity Initiative, Vocational Training and Employment Centres, and Tailored Assistance Employment Grants.</li> <li>- \$63.5m over 4 years to support an additional 2,700 places in Indigenous girls academies to provide culturally appropriate support to girls and young women to graduate Year 12.</li> <li>- \$36.7m over 4 years to supplement funding for the Prescribed Body Corporate Capacity Building program, and recent reforms to the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>.</li> <li>- \$10m over 2 years for Indigenous enterprises and community organisations to improve their access to off-grid solar power systems, stockyards, greenhouses and water security equipment.</li> <li>- \$5m in 2021-22 for grants to improve the food security of remote Indigenous communities.</li> </ul>	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Budget Paper No. 2 P.173  RBMS P. 243
<b>New Remote Jobs Program</b>	\$111.0 million		Over 5 years from 2021-22	National	\$111m to provide quality servicing to Community Development Program (CDP) recipients who have lost their job as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop a new Remote Jobs Program pilot in selected regions across Australia. The new program will replace the CDP and be co-designed with Indigenous Australians to support remote communities by targeting job creation and skills development.	Department of Social Services; Department of Education, Skills and Employment; National Indigenous Australians Agency; Services Australia	Budget Paper No. 2 P.176  RBMS P. 244
<b>Garden Point Mission — settlement of claims</b>	Not for publication		2021-22	NT	Funding for the Commonwealth's settlement costs relating to claims brought by former residents of the Garden Point Mission in the Northern Territory during the period 1940 to 1969.	National Indigenous Australians Agency	Budget Paper No. 2 P.172
<b>Treasury</b>							
<b>Housing Package</b>	\$782.1 million		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$774.8m over 2 years for the HomeBuilder program to extend the construction commencement requirement from six months to 18 months for all existing applicants.</li> <li>- \$5.8m over 3 years to continue supporting the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute to deliver the National Housing and Urban Research Program.</li> <li>- \$1.2m for the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to maintain and enhance the Housing Data Dashboard website. Costs partially offset by National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation research funding.</li> <li>- Establish the Family Home Guarantee with 10,000 places from 2021-22 to support single parents with dependants to enter, or re-enter, the housing market with a deposit from 2%.</li> <li>- Extend the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme to provide an additional 10,000 New Home Guarantees in 2021-22 to allow eligible first home buyers to build a new home or purchase a newly constructed home sooner with a deposit from 5%.</li> </ul>	Treasury Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Budget Paper No. 2 P.187

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<b>SME Recovery Loan Scheme</b>	Not for publication		Over 4 years from 2021-22	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the economic recovery of, and provide continued assistance to, firms that received JobKeeper or are eligible flood-affected businesses through the SME Recovery Loan Scheme.</li> <li>- Provide participating lenders with a guarantee for 80% of secured or unsecured loans of up to \$5m for up to 10 years, with interest rates capped at 7.5%, with some flexibility around variable rate loans. SMEs can use the loans for a broad range of business purposes, including to support investment and refinancing existing loans. Lenders will be able to offer borrowers a repayment pause of up to 2 years.</li> <li>- To be eligible, SMEs, including self-employed individuals and non-profit organisations, will have a turnover of up to \$250m and have been either:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Recipients of the JobKeeper Payment between 4 January 2021 and 28 March 2021.</li> <li>o Located or operating in a local government area that has been disaster declared as a result of the March 2021 New South Wales floods and were negatively economically impacted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Treasury	Budget Paper No. 2 P.194