### **REGIONAL LOGISTICS HUBS**

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The Australian Government has committed \$440 million to create a network of Regional Logistics Hubs across the Northern Territory to support development of industries and communities in our regions.

This network will encompass hubs, rail sidings and spurs, and supporting road infrastructure to support the increased capacity required to support an estimated \$38 billion worth of projects proposed in mining, minerals and energy industries across the Territory.

Industry has been consulted to help map the freight requirements of existing and developing projects across the Territory and the gaps in the supply chain to enable them to reach market.

The regional logistics hubs will increase community resilience by building supply chain capacity, increase skills and employment outcomes and reduce freight transport risks and environmental impacts.

#### Regional Logistics Hubs activity progress

Activity	Completed Underway	Progress	Target completion
Stage 1 Business case completed	$\bigcirc$	100%	August 2022
Northern Territory Logistics Advisory Council established	$\bigcirc$	100%	October 2022
Significant consultation with industry in the Territory	$\bigcirc$	Ongoing	Ongoing
Evidence Base developed looking at opportunities and challenges	<b>②</b>	100%	Ongoing
Joint site investigations completed across the Northern Territory with railway operator, private industry and Australian Government	$\bigcirc$	100%	May 2023
Stage 1 Business Case accepted by Infrastructure Australia	$\bigcirc$	100%	July 2023
Regional Logistics Hubs accepted onto the National Infrastructure Priority List	$\bigcirc$	100%	July 2023
Prioritisation of infrastructure needs	$\bigcirc$	Ongoing	Ongoing
Stage 2 Business Case developed and submitted to Infrastructure Australia	Ø	25%	Q4 2023
Stage 3 Business Case developed and submitted to Infrastructure Australia	$\bigcirc$	5%	Q4 2023
Construction commences on regional logistics hubs	$\bigcirc$	0%	Q4 2024
Katherine Logistics and Agribusiness Hub construction	$\bigcirc$	10%	Q4 2026







#### NT regional logistics hubs



Three regional logistics hubs have been identified in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs with sub regional logistics hubs potentially located in Batchelor, Daly Waters/ Larrimah, Powell Creek in the Barkly Region and two locations in Central Australia.

Potential new rail sidings and spurs are being investigated in a number of locations along the Darwin to Tarcoola Railway.

# NT-wide site investigations of railway and supporting road infrastructure

The Infrastructure NT freight and logistics team conducted site investigations of railway and supporting road infrastructure across the Northern Territory in May 2023 with representatives from the railway operator Aurizon, private industry and the Australian Government.

The fact finding mission aimed to identify opportunities and challenges of current logistics in the Territory to prioritise infrastructure to the development and operation of projects in resources, agriculture, renewable energy and construction.

The team visited railway sidings and crossings as well as road infrastructure from the Top End region to Central Australia. Several members of the team are pictured here at the railway line near Kulgera.

