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The Northern Australia White Paper – *Developing the North*

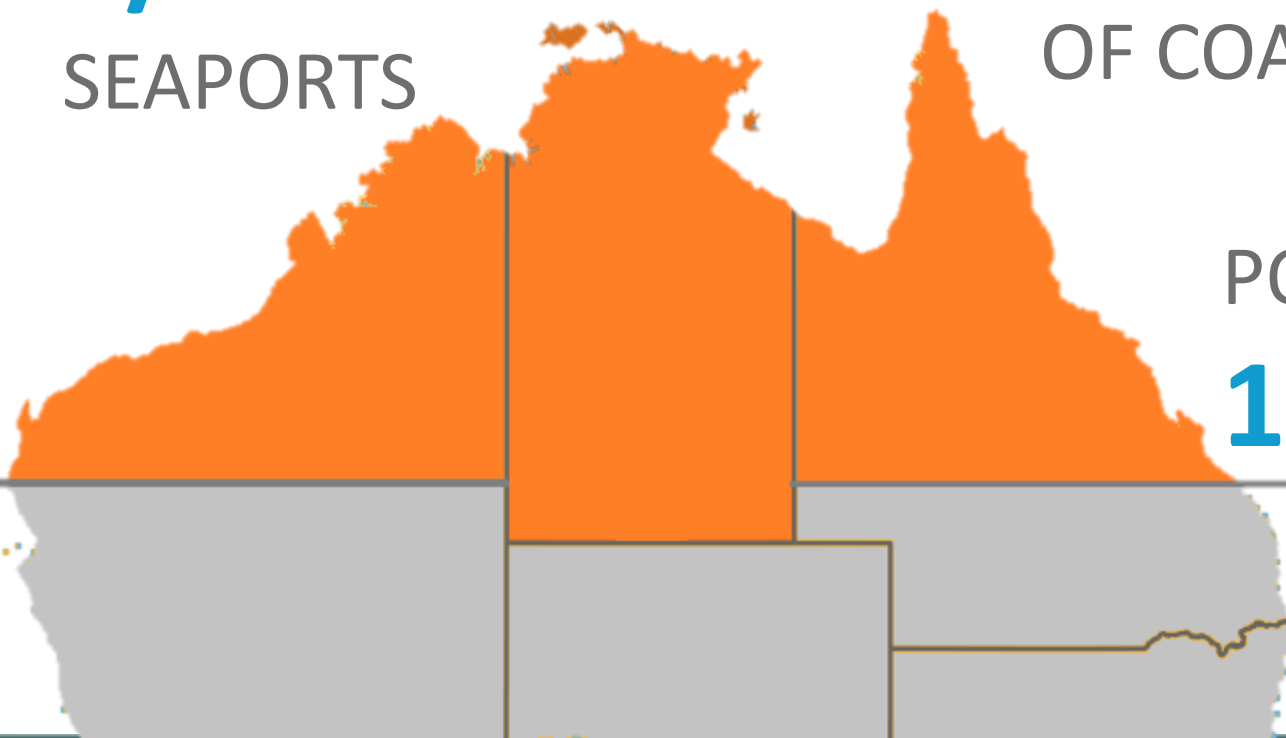
40% OF AUSTRALIA'S
LANDMASS

1/2 OF AUSTRALIA'S
SEAPORTS

90% OF AUSTRALIA'S
GAS RESERVES

OVER **10,000kms**
OF COAST LINE

POPULATION OVER
1 MILL



Source: White Paper 2015

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CHINA **\$98 BIL**
EXPORTS (1)

SOUTH KOREA **\$22 BIL**
EXPORTS (4)

JAPAN **\$50 BIL**
EXPORTS (2)

THAILAND **\$6 BIL**
EXPORTS (9)

MALAYSIA **\$8 BIL**
EXPORTS (8)

SINGAPORE **\$12 BIL**
EXPORTS (5)

INDONESIA **\$5.6 BIL**
EXPORTS (12)

The north is fast **developing** as a **trade gateway** for all of Australia



Source: Kimberley Ports Authority
<http://www.kimberleyports.wa.gov.au>

Darwin Port:
<http://www.darwinportlease.nt.gov.au>



The role of government is to create **successful business environments**, not successful businesses.

The **White Paper** is a policy framework and 'road map' .

51 discrete measures across the Commonwealth

ONA coordinates implementation.



WORKING together to
develop the north.



The role of
ONA

CHALLENGES:

BUILDING the right infrastructure

INCREASING agricultural sustainability.

The imperative nature of **BIOSECURITY**.

Retaining and gaining **ACCESS** to markets.

BUILDING a capable workforce.

PROTECTING our environment and industries



Ord Irrigation Scheme, and Kalumburu National Arbovirus Monitoring Program (NAMP), Western Australia.



Investing and growing our future

Land Tenure Reforms

Northern Australia
Roads Programme

Water infrastructure

Northern Australia
Infrastructure Facility



Ord River Dam and Lake Argyle, and northern Australia roads



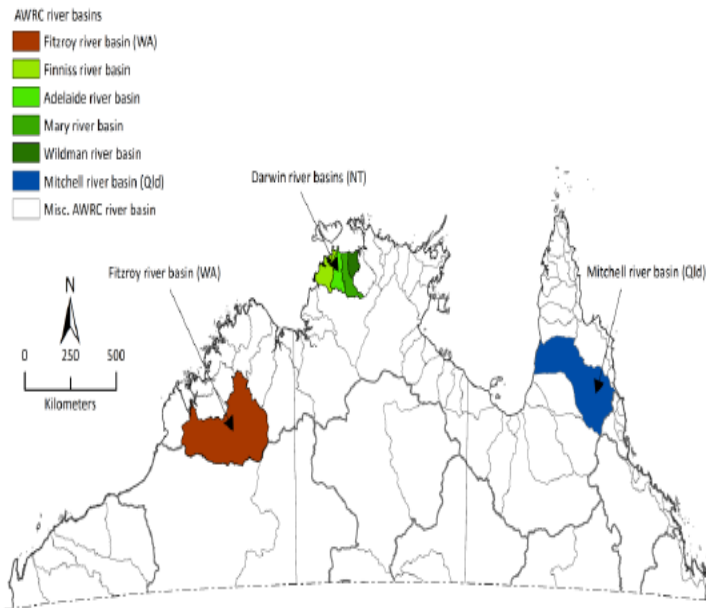
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1. **Soil** and water resources
2. Water **capture** and storage options
3. **Commercial** viability opportunities
4. Assess potential **impacts** and risks

informing regulation, investment, debate

Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

Concessional **Loan** facility



Economic infrastructure

Complement **Private** sector investment



Committed to **strengthening** biosecurity, Working with our neighbours to **stop risks** before they arrive



Targeted, measurable, practical biosecurity projects

Northern Australia Surveillance

- new on-the-ground biosecurity *eg. aquatic monitoring, sentinel herds*

Indigenous Rangers

- more Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander engagement

Modern Diagnostics

- expanded tropical biosecurity technical network *eg. labs, diagnosticians, pathologists*

Better Data

- innovative plant & animal biosecurity data *eg. shared data, using new web-based technology*

Offshore

- more technical collaboration in the region *eg. more surveys and new sentinel herds in PNG, East Timor*

Community Engagement

- public awareness & involvement *governments, industry and communities working together*

Northern Australia Tourism Initiative

- The White Paper including funding for the Northern Australia Tourism Initiative (NATI)
- In April 2016, the Government announced the establishment of 7 new Australian Small Business Advisory Services based in Northern Australia, each receiving \$600,000 over 3 years.
- Three are in Qld, two in NT and two in WA.
- Further information: www.business.gov.au

Where to **now** and in the **future**?



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Questions?



Indian sandalwood nursery in Katherine, ABC Darwin.

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