

FACING  
NORTH

# Forum

Wednesday 2 August 2023

**9.00am – 9.30am** Opening addresses



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## **Facing North for a cleaner energy future**

*Led by Shaun Drabsch, CEO, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade*

This session explores how the Northern Territory is building on its natural strengths in mineral resources and mining to develop new capability and opportunities further along the value-chain. New strengths are being realised in low emission energy, mineral processing and value adding across a range of sectors. Hear from three industry leaders across these sectors to understand Australia's newest and most Northern manufacturing capability powered by renewables and lower-emissions energy, and the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct being developed to attract industries that reflect what the Territory's future economy will look like – hydrogen, carbon capture, natural gas, advanced manufacturing and minerals processing.

**10.15am – 10.45am** Morning tea



**10.45am – 11.30am**

## **Facing North to the forefront of Australia's national resilience**

*Presented by Alan Dupont, NT Defence and National Security Advocate*

The Northern Territory is home to Australia's most northern capital city, Darwin, which is closer to Jakarta than Canberra. The NT is both strategically and geographically important to Australia's future prosperity and security. The Northern Territory has been at the forefront of many historical conflicts and disaster responses, not least Australia's response to COVID-19. This session explores the Northern Territory's role in Australia's national resilience and response efforts including in Defence, humanitarian and disaster responses and biosecurity.



**11.30am – 12.15pm**

## **Facing North for commercial prosperity**

*Led by Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group*

Business and industry leaders will highlight the many current and future commercial opportunities that are on the horizon and the huge potential for long term creation of sustainable commercial businesses and new industries. Hear about the challenges these projects faced, and the role of Northern Australia's ingenuity and resilience, in prevailing against these headwinds to achieve commercial prosperity.

The session includes case studies of some of the Northern Territory's most fruitful ventures.

**12.15pm – 1.00pm** Networking lunch supported by APPEA for a clean energy future

**1.00pm – 1.30pm** Partner presentation APPEA



**1.30pm – 2.15pm**

## **Facing North to Australia's cultural heart**

*Led by Paul Ah Chee Ngala, Chair, Aboriginal Tourism Committee*

The Northern Territory is Australia's cultural heart, sustained by the vibrant culture of Aboriginal communities and centuries of connection to South East Asia. Hear from the leaders set to show this richness to the world through projects such as the National Aboriginal Art Gallery, the Larrakia Cultural Centre and growth in Aboriginal tourism offerings. Preserving the Northern Territory's creative arts and cultural communities is vital to the ongoing social, cultural and economic benefit of the Northern Territory.

**2.15pm – 2.30pm** Closing remarks

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## Program overview

### Facing North Forum

Plenary program with facilitated panel discussions and presentations to provide an overview of the Territory's in a strategic, economic, commercial and cultural capacity.

### Great Hall reception and showcase

Cocktail reception and exhibition in Parliament House, Canberra showcasing Territory industry, products and produce.

### Post event networking function

Post program opportunity for attendees to continue to connect and network with other delegates.

### Full Facing North program passes

- Delegate passes are available for \$1000 per person
- Includes Facing North Forum, Great Hall Reception and Showcase and post event networking function

(Option to invite key stakeholders or business associates to the showcase and networking function \$500 each)

### Register

For further details and to register your attendance head to [events.industry.nt.gov.au/facing-north-2023/delegateooi/Site/Register](https://events.industry.nt.gov.au/facing-north-2023/delegateooi/Site/Register)

Registration and payment closes Friday 30 June

## Exhibit

### Exhibit at the Great Hall Reception and Showcase



Exhibitor passes for the Great Hall Reception and Territory Showcase are - \$750 per person



Includes exhibitor stand, signage and entry to the event (for one delegate)



In a Team Territory approach we are seeking exhibitors to participate in the showcase event, so we collectively present the Territory in the best possible way in Canberra.

The showcase will be held in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra on the evening of Wednesday 2 August.

We want to ensure the best of the Territory is on show.

### Exhibition Themes

- Facing North for a cleaner energy future
- Facing North to the forefront of Australia's national resilience
- Facing North for commercial prosperity
- Facing North to Australia's cultural heart.

### Why exhibit

Timed to coincide with Federal Parliamentary sittings, NT businesses, industry and government officials will head to Canberra to showcase what the Territory has to offer. Facing North presents an opportunity for NT businesses to showcase their services and products in a unique environment. This high calibre event allows businesses to build new business contacts and connect with influential decision makers.

Over 450 guests including Federal and NT Parliamentarians, senior members of Federal and NT governments, and senior business and industry leaders will be in attendance.

In a Team Territory approach, this collaboration demonstrates how Territory business, industry and government work together to accelerate the development of the Northern Territory.

Exhibitors can showcase their achievements and plans for the Territory at the showcase event.

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