



Barkly Regional Deal

Media release

A win for strong Barkly voices: Acting Prime Minister announces new logistics facility study

The Australian and Northern Territory governments are actioning a development priority raised by the Barkly Regional Deal's Economic Growth and Support (EGS) Working Group.

On 14 January, Acting Prime Minister the Hon Michael McCormack MP announced joint Australian and Northern Territory Government funding for a \$325,000 study for the development of a multimodal facility and rail terminal for Tennant Creek, which the EGS Working Group has identified as a key development priority for the region.

Late last year, the EGS Working Group identified a multimodal logistics hub as one of six priority projects for the Barkly region in the group's submission to the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission for "Operation Rebound", the Northern Territory Government's economic recovery strategy post-COVID-19.


The EGS Working Group's submission was endorsed by the Interim Governance Table of the Barkly Regional Deal, which is made up of local community members and representatives from the three levels of government (Commonwealth, Northern Territory Government and Barkly Regional Council), who work together on the delivery of the Barkly Regional Deal's 28 initiatives, sharing information and jointly making decisions.

The Barkly Regional Deal's collaborative working approach means that Barkly community voices, like the EGS Working Group, directly reach all three levels of government. This means that community priorities, like the multimodal facility and rail terminal, are heard and actioned.

The co-chair of the EGS Working Group Mr Jared Baldwin and the Barkly Regional Deal's Backbone Team met with the Acting Prime Minister during his visit to Tennant Creek on 14 January 2021.

"It's great to see further federal investment into the Barkly after years of robust community discussion. Let's as a community keep moving forward together to see more initiatives come to fruition in the Barkly," Jared says.

Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories Nola Marino, the federal Minister responsible for the Deal, said it's clear that the Deal is working the way it was intended.



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“One of the aims of the Barkly Regional Deal is to bring together the three levels of government and the community to achieve greater alignment and coordination of regional investment priorities. The Commonwealth funding of an intermodal facility study is a great example of how the Deal is supporting this objective.”

Northern Territory Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making, the Hon Selena Uibo MLA, applauded the EGS Working Group achieving this important step to begin to realise a Barkly priority.

“Barkly locals are best placed to make local decisions and that’s why the Territory Labor Government supports groups like the EGS that are working to advance the Barkly Regional Deal. Funds committed by the Federal Government will be used to explore the feasibility of a multimodal facility and rail terminal which are potentially big job-creating opportunities for Tennant Creek and the wider Barkly region.”

The EGS Working Group is made up of local businesses and employment professionals across a range of industries, all working towards supporting the region’s economic growth.

More information on the Barkly Regional Deal is available at www.barklyregionaldeal.com.au

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