



Australian Government

# The Beetaloo Strategic Basin Plan

## Vision

*Realising the Beetaloo's full potential as soon as possible. Using this opportunity to create jobs and drive economic growth in the Northern Territory (NT) and Australia.*

## Actions

**New investments: \$220 million+**

### Action 1: Building a clear picture of the Beetaloo

Exploration support	Establishing a new \$50 million Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to support \$200 million of exploration activity before 30 June 2022.
Resource analysis	Commissioned a \$0.7 million Beetaloo Development Study. Co-funded (with the NT Government) a \$0.5 million Infrastructure Requirements Analysis.
Government and industry collaboration	Reinvigorating the Memorandum of Understanding with the NT Government (signed 2018). Working with gas operators to address practical barriers to exploration and appraisal.

### Action 2: Regulating efficiently and effectively

Environmental assessments	Committed \$36.2 million through the government's Geological and Bioregional Assessment Program. The program produces geological and environmental data, tools and knowledge. This investment includes an approximate \$16.9 million allocation to Beetaloo projects through to June 2021.
Social and environmental research	Committed \$19.2 million to support CSIRO's Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) research efforts across Australia. Of the funds committed as at 30 June 2020, Beetaloo related projects received \$1.6 million with more to be allocated by GISERA over the next few years.
Timely environmental approvals	Working with the NT Government to establish new bilateral agreements, including single touch environmental approvals, under national environmental law.
Energy and emissions reduction	Negotiating a Bilateral Energy and Emissions Reduction Agreement with the NT Government. This will have a clear focus on collaboration to drive development in the Beetaloo.
Project facilitation	Working with proponents and the NT Government through the Australian Government's Major Projects Facilitation Agency to ensure regulatory pathways are clear.

### Action 3: Enabling infrastructure

Public road funding	Establishing a new \$173.6 million Roads of Strategic Importance corridor, the NT Gas Industry Roads Upgrades. These upgrades will be required for commercial development.
Midstream infrastructure	Working with the NT Government and gas operators to deliver midstream gas infrastructure, including pipelines.
Infrastructure project financing	Opening up more opportunities for Beetaloo infrastructure financing. This will be through the recent reforms to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

### Action 4: Sharing regional benefits

Indigenous economic development	Invested \$1.9 million to develop a Beetaloo Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy.
Indigenous business support	Building a \$2.2 million Barkly Business Hub. This will support local companies to realise the benefits of gas development and other opportunities in the region.
Supporting Traditional Owners	Working to identify the resource requirements needed to ensure positive outcomes to Traditional Owners from the development of the Beetaloo.
Regional development	Delivering, with the NT Government, a Regional Development and Benefits Strategy.