

Welcome to this month's summary of recent news on topics relevant to the [Northern Hub's](#) goal of supporting sustainable development in northern Australia. These clips aim to facilitate cross-sector & cross-region knowledge sharing, & more informed conversations about the future of northern Australia. They're an informal 'round up' of what comes across our desks rather than a systematic collection, so please send any relevant news in & let us know what you think. Cheers & best regards, Clare Taylor, Jane Thomas & Patch Clapp.

Pan-northern news

- [Nth Aust White Paper implementation report shows 38/51 measures delivered, Min Canavan's speech & video, & more & our north video](#)
- [Nth Aust Water Resources Assessment devt case study posts – Mitchell Rv, Fitzroy Rv, Darwin area & Indigenous engagement \[related Hub research\]](#)
- [New book on sustainable land sector devt in nth Aust: Indigenous rights, aspirations & cultural responsibilities](#)
- [NAIF doing due diligence on Qld nickel cobalt mine funding & spent \\$70k on board chair appointment](#)
- [\\$1.5b for key nth Aus roads & \\$40m for Buntine Highway upgrade](#)
- ['Show cause' notice to major nthn cattle exporter unsettles industry & beef niche in food safety conscious Chinese market](#)
- [Proposed reforms to Native Title legislation out for comment until 10 Dec, more](#)
- ['Indigenous Advantage: can nth Aust lead through innovation' lecture now online, more](#)
- [Concern over Scullion allocation of Indigenous Advancement Strategy funds to industry groups, more](#)
- [NT tourism visitors down 7% to 283k & spend down 15% to \\$411m, WA visitors down 2% & spend down 10% but Qld visitors up 4% & spend up 8%](#)
- [CRC for Dev Nth Aust commissioning analysis of nth Aust aquaculture to help industry devt](#)
- [International ass'n for croc farming developing new standards with nth Aust help](#)
- [Indigenous Australians using drones to map inaccessible sacred country](#)
- [Modelling shows first people to Australia likely came via New Guinea & Sulawesi](#)
- [Visualisation shows nthn WA & NT coastline changes over 125,000 years](#)
- [Upgraded tropical cyclone hazard assessment tool & fewer tropical cyclones expected this season](#)
- [El Niño alert declared, Nov–Jan outlook indicates above avg temps & avg to below avg rain across the nth & nth Aust rain since 1 Sep](#)

Hub news

- [3D Fitzroy catchment model road trip inspires conversations about the Fitzroy Rv's future](#)
- [Audit of unprecedented mangrove dieback suggests limited recovery on Qld coasts](#)
- [Wagiman Traditional Owners & Hub leader present the results of 13-year research collaboration](#)
- [Join our research market place on Nov 13 as part of the Territory NRM conference](#)

State & Territory news

- [Kimberley Economic Forum summary clip highlights collaboration & wrap-up, promo videos & futurist keynote](#)
- [Forestry co. Mercer buys W Kimberley sandalwood plantations & Quintis out of administration after \\$145m investment](#)
- [First rare carbonate product ready for export from mine nr WA/NT border](#)
- [Yawuru launches Futures Policy Paper](#)
- [Video on Derby community irrigation & cattle agistment project](#)
- [Native Title recognised over land & sea around Kimberley's Buccaneer Archipelago](#)
- [Ord Aboriginal corporation calls for EOIs into joint-venture agricultural project](#)
- [Kimberley corn in high demand due to east coast drought](#)
- [Recreational only fishing zone established in King Sound at WA's Fitzroy Rv mouth](#)
- [Cable beach congestion & jetskis coming soon](#)
- [Record Kimberley wet sees freshwater crocs on the move & lost croc finds its way into Fitzroy Crossing industrial area](#)

- [NT scraps infrastructure devt fund to pay down debt & encourage job growth](#)
- [NT Climate Change discussion paper out for comment until 30 Nov](#)
- [Draft NT env protection bill & regulations out for comment until Dec 3](#)
- [Cattlemen call for more certainty in land tenure](#)

- [1.1m ha of Territory cattle stations for sale & Indonesian investors sell off properties for ~\\$30m profit](#)
- [\\$17m investment boosts woodchip exports from Tiwi Is](#)
- [Seafarms negotiates 90-yr lease for Legune Stn with AAM group who plan to buy lease to run cattle, more](#)
- [Lithium mine & processing in Darwin's suburbs set to begin operations in 2019](#)
- [Darwin residents explain why they stay](#)
- [NT gov working with NAILSMA to develop Cert III sea ranger resources](#)
- [Magpie geese carcasses found near Darwin in hunting breach](#)
- [NY Times focuses on Arnhem Land coast's debris problem \[\\[related Hub research\\]\]\(#\)](#)
- [Review unable to determine NT's cash for recycling scheme effectiveness](#)
- [Territory NRM newsletter](#)

- [Cloncurry copper mine suspends operations](#)
- [Funding allows growers to buy Mossman sugar mill](#)
- [Min encourages investment to accelerate nth Qld aquaculture](#)
- [New CEO, board & mgr for Regional Dev Aust Far Nth Qld](#)
- [2016/17 2nd highest year in decade for land clearing in GBR catchment](#)
- [\\$6m to support best practice farm mgt for canegrowers near GBR & \\$1.95m to support best practice for horticulture growers in GBR catchments but Qld gov audits show 43% farming business non-compliant with runoff laws](#)
- [Katter pushes for NW connection to grid, Hughenden irrigation & big power projects](#)
- [\\$20m grant program to make houses more resilient to cyclones](#)
- [Work ramps up on case for 76km walking & biking trail b/w Cairns & Pt Douglas with more ecotrails planned](#)
- [Weekly air service to Karumba to continue](#)
- [Julia Ck bathtub experience boosts tourism](#)
- [Latest news from \[Southern Gulf\]\(#\), \[Terrain NRM\]\(#\)](#)

Water

- [NT Water Directions discussion paper out for comment until Mar 2019 that includes regulatory reform, surface water harvesting, Strategic Aboriginal Water Reserves, Water Controller's function & independence etc & water licences for mines & gas, & fines to increase, in proposed NT Water Act amendments](#)
- [Updated guidance for cultural & spiritual values of water for water quality guidelines & principles & how to use](#)
- [NAWRA datasets inc persistent waterhole ecological refuges & flood inundation extent & duration for WA's Fitzroy catchment](#)
- [\\$195m for TSV water infrastructure](#)
- [Katherine approaches Dept of Defence for assistance with flood mitigation & Defence questioned on why Tindal PFAS treatment plant is ready to go a year before Katherine's town plant](#)
- [\\$25m for Rockhampton levee bank](#)
- [Qld irrigation pricing review incs costs of dam safety, insurance & flood monitoring](#)
- [Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan out for comment](#)

Energy

- [First shipment of condensate leaves from Ichthys LNG project, more](#)
- [NT annual fracking offset costs could reach \\$4b by 2030, more & oil & gas industry want to decrease disclosure of LNG plant emissions](#)
- [NT anti-fracking protestors present letter of protest at Origin AGM](#)
- [Blue agave to power FNQ sugar mill](#)
- [Adani given approval to increase Abbot Pt coal exports by 20% & Korean banks rule out supporting Adani](#)

Weeds, ferals, diseases, etc

- [Rubber vine around Lake Argyle reduced by 75%](#)
- [Qld invests \\$7.2m in Panama-resistant banana](#)
- [WA establishes state-wide surveillance program to monitor introduced marine species](#)
- [WA cane toad front line map shows toads nearly at Fitzroy Crossing](#)

Biodiversity & protected areas

- [Performance audit underway for Kakadu & other AG parks with contributions welcome closing 20 Nov](#)
- [Conservationists push for increase to Qld's 8% of env protected land & Qld Nat'l Parks inc World Heritage areas could be leased for eco-tourism](#)
- [NT has lost 17 mammal species, with Aust losses 4th highest globally & spending cut \[\\[related Hub research\\]\]\(#\)](#)
- [Nth Aust savanna & seas critical as remaining global wilderness areas](#)
- [\\$5m initiative to prevent & clean up debris from GBR waterways & fmr AIMS CEO announced as new GBRMPA Chairperson](#)
- [Reef co. altered scientific report critical of mgt of crown-of-thorns culling program](#)
- [KLC program using hi-tech approach to improve conservation efforts](#)
- [Large spring tides reveal unfamiliar heart urchins on Cable Beach](#)
- [Acid sulfate soils remediation successful in Cairns' Trinity Inlet](#)

Fire & carbon

- [View weekly updated maps of curing \(fuel dryness\) for the NT](#)
- [25 carbon farming projects operational as carbon burning recognised as an NT industry, more](#)
- [Explaining savanna burning video](#)

Events

- 13–15 Nov, [Territory NRM conference](#), Darwin
- 20 - 22 Nov, [National Indigenous Economic Devt Forum](#), Darwin
- 20- 24 Nov, [OECD meeting of Mining Regions & Cities](#), Darwin
- 6 Dec, [Future of Agriculture forum \(AgForce\)](#), Hughenden
- 11-12 July 2019, [Developing Northern Australia Conference](#), Karratha

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- We welcome your input & feedback to help us improve the Roundup
- We focus on the semi-arid & tropical parts of northern Australia (i.e. don't include Central Australia, Pilbara or Lake Eyre Basin, etc)
- Increasingly, online media outlets are subscriber-only (e.g. Cairns Post, The NT News, Townsville Bulletin, The Australian) so this limits the outlets we are able to link to
- Previous news roundups are available [here](#)

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