

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister

#### Northern Territory Economic Development

- 1. What resources has the Territory Government committed to, or will commit to, a feasibility study for a future commercial port at Gunn Point?**

The Northern Territory Government has not committed resources to a feasibility study for a future commercial port at Gunn Point.

- 2. What actions have you taken, in conjunction with the Minister for Primary Industry, to support the development of a medicinal cannabis industry in the Territory?**

The Medicinal Cannabis industry is regulated by the Commonwealth Government, with medicinal cannabis able to be propagated and administered in Australia under Commonwealth legislation (i.e. *Narcotic Drugs Act 1967*).

The Northern Territory Government continues to strongly support this industry sector and export market opportunities associated with it.

The Department of Primary Industry and Resources management has met with several entities around the prospect of medicinal cannabis in 2018 and 2019. These have included international and Australian based speculators.

The Department of Trade, Business and Innovation is in regular and ongoing contact with local representatives of an international project proponent, looking to progress a medicinal cannabis and broader hemp cultivation project in the Territory.

- 3. What incentives, if any, have you put in place to encourage onshore gas development?**

The Northern Territory Government is supporting the development of onshore gas by implementing all of the 135 recommendations from the *Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory*. The Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing Implementation Plan was released in July 2018 and as at 31 July 2019, 54 of the 135 recommendations have been completed, including all of the recommendations required to be completed prior to drilling or hydraulic fracturing commencing.

**4. What resources has your Government committed to progress the Darwin City Deal?**

The Department of the Chief Minister has committed five full time and one part time staff members, supported by the department's Senior Executives.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics have three full time resources supported by the department's design office, Senior Executives and external project management and design consultants.

**5. What is the current status of the Darwin City Deal?**

The Darwin City Deal, a 10 year plan to realise the vision of a vibrant, connected, tropical city, was signed on 16 November 2018.

A progress report will be publicly released each year to outline progress on each of the initiatives and projects. The first of these progress reports is due to be released in December 2019.

**6. Could you please provide an update on the Larrakia Development Corporation Cultural Centre project at the Darwin Waterfront?**

The Larrakia Cultural Centre is a component of the Darwin City Deal.

The detailed business case is complete and a high level concept design has been prepared.

The Northern Territory Government has also committed to providing land in the Darwin Waterfront for the project.

In addition, Stokes Hill, a sacred site, will be returned to the Larrakia people.