

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Committee Inquiries Question on Notice

Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia

Inquiry into Northern Australia Workforce Development

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Topic: Northern Australia Ministerial Forum

Senator Marion Scrymgour asked:

How is the work of the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum positively impacting the lives of people living in Northern Australia?

Answer:

The Northern Australia Ministerial Forum provides governance and leadership for the sustainable and resilient economic development of Northern Australia.

The re-established ministerial forum held their first meeting in Darwin on 31 October 2022, and agreed to a collaborative approach for liveable, safe, sustainable and healthy communities in the north, focused on three key priorities: human capital, enabling infrastructure and economic development and diversification.

The next meeting of the ministerial forum will be held on 4 May 2023 in Kununurra, Western Australia and a communique published on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website (northernaustralia.gov.au).