Adam Giles  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Talking Northern Development in Alice Springs

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Alice Springs and Darwin residents are being urged to come and have their say about the future of Northern Australia at development summits being held tomorrow and Monday.

“We want to hear what Territorians think our priorities should be, what industries we should pursue and what infrastructure we need in order to make it all happen,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"This process is about encapsulating everyone's vision for the Territory's future and that's why we want as many people as possible to come along and share their thoughts."

More than 80 people attended the Katherine and Tennant Creek summits earlier this month.

“It was great to see so many people engaged and talking about the future development of the region,” the head of the Northern Australia Development Office, Luke Bowen, said.

“People were interested in a range of topics, from the gas industry and energy agriculture to food infrastructure.”

More than 150 people have already registered to attend the summits in Alice Springs and Darwin.

The Alice Springs summit runs from 5 to 7pm tomorrow at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs.

Panellists include Chief Minister Adam Giles, Health Minister Robyn Lambley, Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan, Chief Executive of the Cattlemen’s Association Tracey Hayes, Telstra’s Michael Ossipoff and Matthew Doman from Santos.

The Darwin summit runs from 5 to 7pm on Monday 1 September at the Darwin Convention Centre.

The panellists are Chief Minister Adam Giles, Parliamentary Secretary for Northern Australia Development Gary Higgins, Darwin Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim, CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Simon Maddocks, Ken Warriner from the Northern Australia Advisory Group, Michael Ossipoff from Telstra and Matthew Doman from Santos.

Both summits will be facilitated by the Director of the Australian Agricultural Company David Crombie.
Attendees are encouraged to register their attendance and submit their questions prior to the event via the Developing the North website: www.northernaustralia.nt.gov.au

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