Chief Minister Adam Giles said Budget 2015 is a blueprint for the Territory's future, investing in economic infrastructure that creates jobs for our children and grandchildren.

"Over the past couple of years, we worked very hard to rein in inherited Labor debt and deficit and we are now seeing the benefits. I want to thank Territorians for their assistance in this effort to get the budget back under control," Mr Giles said.

"This strong management has allowed us to get the budget back into shape and now has us in a position where we can invest in infrastructure for the future.

"That investment includes $546 million across every major regional arterial route in the Territory and a push to connect communities with $9 million over three years to further expand mobile phone services and broadband in the bush.

"It features support for the tourism industry as it prepares to play a key role in our economy over the years ahead. There's more than $50 million dollars for upgrades to key Tourism roads in Central Australia and the Top End, as well as a new multi-million dollar Tourism Infrastructure Development Fund."

There's also investment to open up agricultural opportunities and $1 million for an investigation of a possible new rail link between Tennant Creek and Mt Isa.

"Preparing our children for the economy of the future is critical and we are investing more than $150 million going into education infrastructure in Government schools across the Territory," Mr Giles said.

That includes more than $9 million on new early childhood facilities in Alice Springs and $20 million as part of a $49.6 million package to provide remote students with improved access to secondary education.

Budget 2015 also delivers $1.42 billion in total health-related spending, up from $1.35 billion last year.

A further $40 million is provided for upgrades to facilities at Royal Darwin Hospital and $34.2 million of remediation works and other upgrades at the Alice Springs Hospital.
"We want to give our kids the best chance at a prosperous future and that means a good health care system, a quality education and the chance at secure, well paid job," Mr Giles said.

"The NT is a destination for jobs and more Territorians are engaged in the job market per capita than any other part of Australia.

"I want to lay foundation for that to continue and the economy to grow so that Territorians have a safe and secure economic future. That's what this budget is all about."

Budget 2015 makes Territory life simpler, safer and smarter by investing heavily in infrastructure and jobs for our future.

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