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Building a better Territory - \$4.8 million for Darwin Airport

The Northern Territory Opposition welcomes the \$4.8 million in Federal funding for the Darwin International Airport Freight Hub, announced today, which will create sustainable job opportunities and flow on effects for the Territory's agriculture, tourism, freight and logistics and construction sectors.

The \$4.8 million boost is provided under the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects stream.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the multi-million dollar funding will see the construction of an on-airport cold storage facility, a vapour heat treatment and upgrade to airside apron and taxiway to accommodate larger aircrafts and a training and education facility.

“The Darwin International Airport is a strategic facility for the growth of the Northern Territory and this funding will allow for exciting expansion, which will deliver jobs and significant economic benefit.

“The project will contribute an additional \$11 million to the Territory's gross state product (GSP) by year 2019-20, increasing by \$26.8 million by 2029-30 and have the capacity to export \$210 million worth of food exports annually by 2030.

“In the current declining Territory economy, these figures present some much needed good news.

“This is a further example of success of the Opposition's lobbying to Canberra to ensure the Territory is kept top of mind and capitalising on all opportunities provided,” said Mr Higgins.

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