



## CDU-NTG Partnership Agreement – Executive Committee

### Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Charles Darwin University (CDU) – Northern Territory Government (NT Government) Partnership Agreement is to strengthen the existing relationship between CDU and the NT Government by identifying common strategic objectives in the areas of education, research, community engagement, capacity building, industry development, and social inclusion.

The Agreement recognises the importance of a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship between CDU and the NT Government for the Northern Territory. It provides a useful framework for Government agencies to work with the university.

The NT Government and CDU first established a Partnership Agreement in 2003. The current Agreement was signed in 2017.

#### Governance

- The Partnership Agreement will be governed by an Executive Committee
- The Executive Committee shall be Co-chaired between CDU (the Vice-Chancellor) and the NT Government (the Chief Executive, DCM).
- Executive Committee meetings will be held at least two times per calendar year (with an option to schedule more frequent meetings if required) to discuss strategic priorities, collaborative projects, strategic direction of the partnership, and to guide the development and assessment of collaborative projects.
- The Executive Committee will report as necessary to the University Council and the NT Government.
- The Executive Committee will empower Collaboration Committees to enhance partnerships and connections and to identify potential areas for collaboration.
- The Executive Committee will be supported by a Coordination Team with officers from both CDU and the NT government

#### Objectives

The objectives of the Executive Committees will be to:

- identify emerging strategic issues and opportunities for both CDU and the NT Government
- identify potential strategic areas for collaboration
- enhance partnerships and connections between CDU and the NT Government
- create or abolish Collaboration Committees or other working arrangements as required
- maintain oversight of the Partnership Agreement.



### Scope

The Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Partnership Agreement and can approve changes to the schedules attached to the Partnership Agreement.

The Executive Committee can change the membership of the Committee, depending on identified strategic objectives

The Executive Committee is a strategic groups and not responsible for project delivery and should not assume responsibilities that would otherwise lie with NT Government agencies or CDU.

### Membership

CDU Members	NT Government Members
Vice-Chancellor and President	Chief Executive, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
Provost and Vice President	Chief Executive, Department of Education
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President Research and Innovation	Chief Executive, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President Global and Advancement	Chief Executive, Territory Families, Housing and Communities