

## At a construction cost of \$49.1m Darwin has the first helium plant in the Southern Hemisphere and will supply around 3% of the world's helium

**Business events** in Australia's Northern Territory act as a stimulator and facilitator of economic activity, innovation and learning.

The NT has a stable government and a buoyant local economy which is bolstered by a strong energy and resources sector. With sophisticated convention centres, hotel venues, resorts and exotic wilderness lodges spread throughout its 1,352,176 square kilometres, the Northern Territory boasts many of Australia's most unique and spectacular natural attractions and experiences for conferences and incentives.

**With its abundant** petroleum resources, central location to Asian markets and an increasing number of major resource projects in the Timor Sea and beyond, Australia's Northern Territory is ideally positioned as an energy centre of global significance. Having recorded significant growth in the last few years, the Northern Territory is rapidly establishing itself as an international maintenance and operations hub for the offshore oil and gas industry.

Just north of the Northern Territory, vast gas resources are under development in the Bonaparte Basin. The Timor Sea is regarded as a highly prospective petroleum region and contains world scale oil and gas fields under various stages of construction, operation and consideration.

**The Blacktip** gas field development and associated processing plant located at Wadeye along with the Bonaparte Pipeline have commenced the supply of gas for the Territory's

own domestic power generation requirements for the next 25 years.

**In a world first**, the ConocoPhillips operated LNG plant at Wickham Point has taken the lead with innovative technology and at completion, was the only LNG plant utilising aero derivative gas turbines as refrigerant drivers. Capable of producing 3.4 million tonnes of LNG per annum from the Bayu Undan gas field in the Timor Sea, the plant establishes Darwin as a global player in the world's oil and gas industry.

**The Southern Hemisphere's** first ever helium production plant, which officially opened in Darwin in March 2010, is expected to produce 150 million cubic feet of helium annually. Owned by BOC, the plant will produce enough helium to supply all of Australia's needs with additional capacity available for export to other world markets.

**The Port of Darwin** at East Arm Wharf is Australia's most northern natural deepwater port and Australia's closest port to the ASEAN region. The port and its infrastructure provide a world class, fully integrated intermodal common user transport facility.

**The Marine Supply Base** will bolster Darwin's oil and gas hub credentials as the preferred site to establish an off-shore and on-shore exploration and production base for the sector. With expanding land-based infrastructure and direct access to a wide range of experienced organisations, the proposed facility and adjacent industrial area are designed to become a world-class marine supply precinct.

# NT

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING PLACES**

The 2009 APPEA conference, hosted in Darwin, increased the region's profile in the international oil and gas community. APPEA offered the Northern Territory an opportunity to promote its capabilities to a captive audience and the NT Government also leveraged the event to meet with key industry stakeholders attending the conference.

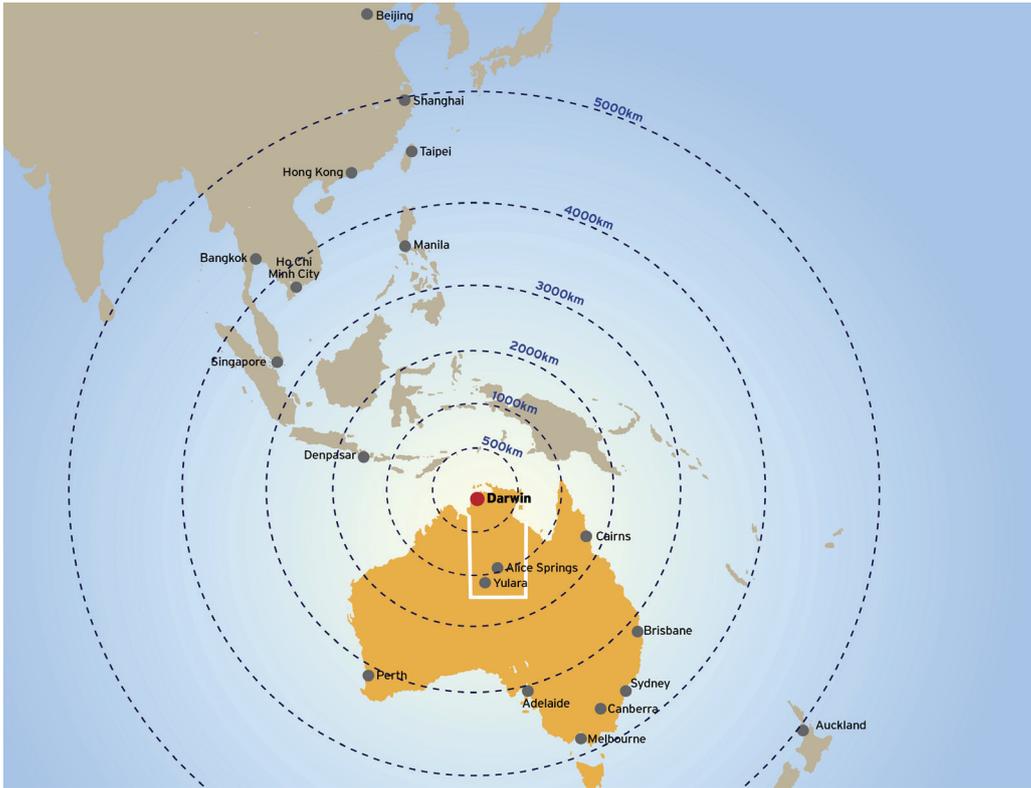
*"The oil and gas industry is rating all other events against the success of APPEA 2009 in Darwin. It has set the benchmark for the industry".*

*Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association*

## WHY MEET IN THE NT?

Australia's Northern Territory has a proven track record at boosting delegate attendance due to its destination appeal as well as its direct relevance to the oil and gas sector. As a result, it provides a depth of local expertise, as well as individuals and organisations who can enhance your NT event, such as speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and delegates.

There is the opportunity to engage with NT industry at networking events and scope for technical tours and site visits to local facilities for meetings with like-minded industry colleagues. The NT is just two hours flying time from its nearest Asian neighbour and has direct domestic aviation access to all major airports throughout Australia.



In traditional Western Desert art, this circular dot icon symbolises a camp site or meeting place. For thousands of years, the first people of the Northern Territory have held meetings in locations deemed spiritually significant.



## EXTRAORDINARY REGIONS

The NT is divided into two main regions, each with distinct climates and amazingly different terrain and attractions. The lush and tropical "Top End" region at the northern most tip of Australia includes the capital city, Darwin, plus the World Heritage-listed Kakadu, Australia's largest National Park. With a natural harbour, river estuaries and a coastline more than 5,000km long, the Top End is a fishing, sailing and cruising paradise.

Further south, lies the stunning desert landscape of Central Australia, which is home to icons such as Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and Alice Springs, the quintessential Australian outback town, as well as an ancient and rich indigenous culture.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY CONVENTION BUREAU (NTCB)

The NTCB is the business events division of Tourism NT. Our role is to market and promote the Northern Territory as a distinctive business tourism destination. With strong local knowledge, experience and links to business and government networks, we provide expert advice and assistance to secure business events for the NT. Our team can assist you with bid preparation, destination information and supplier liaison to deliver an inspiring and memorable event.

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