



## Northern Institute Research Theme: Demography and Growth Planning (DGP)

### VISION

Through applied research we strive to understand the causes and consequences of population change in the Northern Territory and other sparsely populated areas to make positive differences to communities, society and policy with robust, independent research.

### CAPABILITY

The DGP team are experts in analysing, modelling and understanding the causes and consequences of population change. We are invited members of the advisory group for the national Centre for Population and sit on the ABS's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Demographic Statistics Expert Advisory Group and its Population and Social Statistics Advisory Group. Our research was used to develop the Northern Territory Population Growth Strategy and in 2019 we conducted the largest ever population survey for the Northern Territory – The Territory and Me.

Our team are recognised experts in collecting, analysing and modelling demographic and socio-economic data. The explanation for and anticipation of future population dynamics are at the core of our research and extend across the key fields of demography, economics, labour studies, history and sociology. Collaboration and partnership mark our approach and include academic research and project work with other universities, government agencies, non-government

agencies and research organisations from around the world that explore the big population issues affecting communities, regions and their peoples. This work contributes to better informed policy and decision making, leading to improved economic and social outcomes.

### IMPACT

- > In collaboration with the Northern Territory Department of Treasury and Finance we have developed a world-first population projections model for separate projections of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous futures. Some methods developed for this model were adopted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).
- > Our research helps drive national and Northern Territory policy agenda. We sit on several national advisory forums including as expert advisors to the national Centre for Population and ABS Expert Advisory Groups.
- > 'The Territory and Me' research investigated population drivers affecting the Territory and included a large survey with 5,000 respondents. Findings are being used to help develop initiatives around the 'rebound' from the COVID-19 pandemic and have been published on The Territory and Me website visit [www.theterritoryandme.cdu.edu.au](http://www.theterritoryandme.cdu.edu.au)

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