

***What Would be the  
Regional Development  
Implications From the  
Northern Australian Green  
Paper***

# The Background

- Broad discussion in last year's SEGRA challenge informed the Green Paper.
- Green Paper released in July/ August.
- Now being translated into White Paper.
- New RDA and NSRF arrangements, but also Federalism White , Tax Reform, Ag White Paper and Indigenous Strategy.
- Opportunity to direct into PM&C discussions and directly to Minister Truss.

# SEGRA Issues Raised in Green Paper

- East-west partnership arrangements.
- Long term and stable policy partnerships.
- Economic participation of ATSI communities.
- Consider forces driving livability.
- Listening to people in Northern Australia.
- Flexible and reorganized land tenure system.
- The importance of infrastructure.

# Big Green Paper Thematics

- Infrastructure
- Land
- Water
- Business, Trade & Investment
- Research, Education & Innovation
- Governance

## The SEGRA Challenge Question

- What is the one key thing that needs to be translated into the White Paper to enhance Regional Development in the North.

# Avoiding the Rising Tide of Centralism



**Torres Strait  
Living with King Tides**

# Key Ideas Emerging

- Need an explicit framework that enables regional innovation and creating the foundations for investment.
- Need cohesive, integrated governance arrangements, underpinned by strong cross-northern alliances.