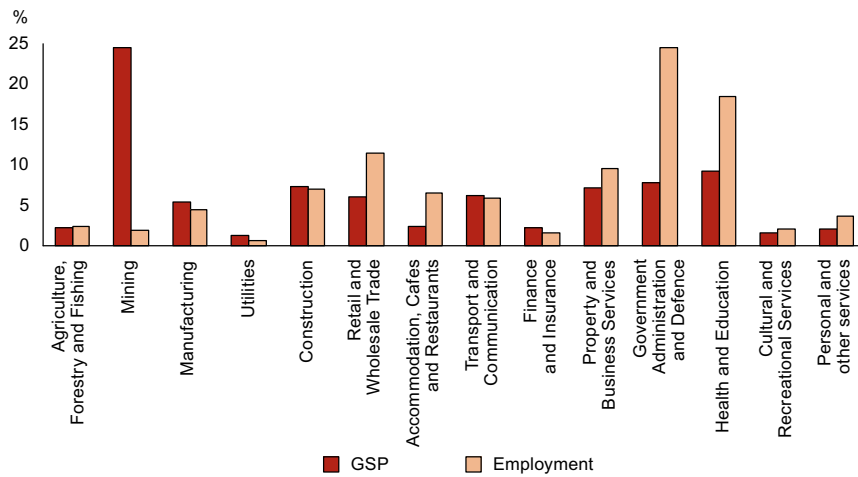


# Structure of the Economy

- The Northern Territory economy is markedly different from other Australian jurisdictions. It has an abundance of natural resources, a large public sector and a significant defence presence.
- The Territory economy is highly influenced by global economic conditions due to its relatively small size and commodity-focused base.
- The importance of mining and mining-related production will grow as production reaches full capacity following the completion of major infrastructure projects.
- The manufacturing base has significantly increased with the Alcan G3 refinery expansion, completed in 2007.
- A relatively large mining and energy industry means that the Territory economy is capable of high growth as resources are developed.
- The government administration and defence industry is the largest employer in the Territory, comprising of 24.5 per cent of total Territory employment.

Territory Employment and GSP Proportions, 2006-07



Source: ABS Cat. No. 5220.0, Census 2006