**Major Grants for funding commencing in 2015**

**Northern Territory Discovery Projects**

Northern Territory (NT) research organisations will receive more than $378 000 through the Australian Research Council *Discovery Projects* scheme for 1 new research project commencing in 2015.

The NT project is provided below.

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**Charles Darwin University**

**Lead Chief Investigator:** Professor William Mitchell (DP150103437)

**Summary:** This project aims to explain the changing patterns of regional economic performance across Australia between 2001-2011 in the context of two developments: major structural shifts in world trade and commodity prices spawning massive mining growth and negative exchange rate impacts elsewhere (for example, manufacturing); and the financial crisis ending the credit boom leaving east coast economies struggling. The resulting regional disparities have policy implications for education and skills training, housing affordability, infrastructure provision, and community sustainability. These issues will be investigated using a new functional economic regions geography and state of art spatial modelling tools supplemented by regional case studies.

**ARC funding:** $378 818