Regional Development Australia

Mining and Community Research Forum

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What is “RDA”? 

• National network of Committees 
• New partnership between the Australian, Queensland and local governments to grow and enhance the regions of Queensland 
• Consistent national framework. 
• Suite of common governance documents 
• Charter to be based on:
  – Provide strategic advice and support. 
  – Key focus is on social, economic and environmental issues. 
  – Identify priorities, solutions and plan for action 
  – Grow and develop regions.
Committee makeup:-

- Darren Woodward (Chair)
- Joy Deguara (Deputy chair)
- Cr Ann Crawford – Isaac Regional Council
- Cr Mark Gaudry – Whitsunday Regional Council
- Cr Darryl Camilleri – Mackay Regional Council
- Andrew Woodley
- Quinton Hildebrand
- Rob Cocco
- Narelle Pearse

- Rebecca Andrews CEO
Roles and Responsibilities

Consult and Engage with the Community

- identify needs, priorities and solutions
- use existing government programs and services
- participate in community discussions, debates and forums

Informed Regional Planning

- work with state and territory governments, local governments and regional stakeholders
- detailed understanding of social, economic and environmental factors affecting the region, including emerging issues
Roles and Responsibilities

• Whole of Government Activities
  – First point of contact for Government agencies
  – first-stop-shop for advice on programs and services
  – regional perspective to national and state agendas
  – third party contracts for other agencies

• Promotion of Government Programs
  – bring stakeholders together to apply for program funding
  – grant writing workshops

• Community and Economic Development
  – grow, develop and increase resilience
  – investment attraction, job creation, skills development, social inclusion, environmental solutions
Queensland Focus

• Develop close working relationships with regional councils.
• Strategic advice to Australian and Queensland governments.
• Support strengthening communities – particularly regional employment and economic development.
• Focus on regional development priorities and issues
Work Program

• Deliverables
  – RDA Regional Roadmap
  – Annual Business Plan
  – Half yearly report on Outcomes
  – Annual Report on Outcomes
  – Budget

• Business Plan
  – Operational Document
  – Work program, priorities and resources
Regional Roadmap

• Articulates the economic, environmental and social vision for the region
  • Takes into account regional issues and priorities
  • Supports investment attraction
  • Encourages growth and development in local communities
  • Keeps community informed about RDA priorities

• Plan for the Region including 4 key elements
  • Overview of the Region
  • Regional Issues and Priorities
  • Economic Development and Job Creation
  • Review
Roadmap Progress to Date

• RDAMW developed staged process for development
• Stage One – desktop audit all plans, policies and programs
• Stage Two – what is the story
• Stage Three – test the research (consultation)
• Stage Four – draft roadmap
• Stage Five – final review before adoption

• Currently undertaking Stage One and Two
Next Steps

• Launch RDA later this month
• Consultation process begins, this includes:
  • Face to face meetings
  • Forums
  • Website
  • Local media
  • Promotion via community and economic groups
  • Direct with key regional stakeholders
Thanks for your time

Any Questions?