



MEDIA STATEMENT

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RELEASES ACTION PLAN FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

An Action Agenda for Regional Development entitled Regional Development Policy Framework was released by the Regional Development Council (Council) today.

The Council is the peak advisory body to the State Government for regional development issues and consists of the nine chairs of the State's Regional Development Commissions, two local government representatives and the Department of Regional Development and Lands Director General.

Graham Thomson, the Council Chairman said the Action Agenda sets out the policy and project priorities that the Council has identified as vital to ensuring regional WA is a place where people want to live, and invest.

"It will assist the Council with the provision of advice relating to Royalties for Regions spending priorities under the Regional Strategic Projects and Regional Capital Works Initiatives," Mr Thompson said.

"In addition, it supports ongoing regional development of Western Australia by seeking to turn project ideas into reality quickly and effectively with the support of Royalties for Regions funding.

The Action Agenda is structured around six key priority areas:

- Housing and Services
- Employment, Infrastructure and Skills
- Health
- Education
- Social and Environmental Amenity
- Leadership and Decision Making

Mr Thomson said that the Council will continue to develop indicators and targets for each of the priority areas to ensure that it, and all interested parties, can track and review progress against its delivery and make changes over time.

"The outcomes in these areas will be achieved by enhanced coordination and collaboration across all levels of government, community and industry with a wide range of targeted investments and regional partnership arrangements.

"As Chairman of the Council, I encourage all those who wish to improve the social, cultural and environmental amenity for regional residents in Western Australia to embrace the Action Agenda as a useful tool to achieve these outcomes.

To view the Action Agenda or for more information about the Council please visit: www.rdl.wa.gov.au/Content/RD/Council.aspx

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