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Applicant Information Pack - Chairs

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This Applicant Information Pack provides you with the information you need to complete an application for a position with the RDA Committee as the Chair.

This Information Pack contains the following elements:

1. Position description, accountabilities and responsibilities, and selection criteria.
2. Selection process description including application lodgement instructions.
3. Application Form.

The Application Form can be downloaded from [Join your RDA](#), completed electronically offline and emailed to the Department's RDA application mailbox rdaapplications@infrastructure.gov.au **The Department will not accept handwritten applications.**

Position Description

The RDA Committee Chair will lead a diverse organisation of individuals working in a complex environment to deliver high value outcomes for the community and the region. The Chair will be a recognised business or regional leader who will champion local jobs and regional growth.

They will network widely across industry sectors and attract and facilitate opportunities and investment in their region. They will be very knowledgeable about the economic, social, cultural and environmental opportunities and challenges facing their region; be well connected and a strong advocate for their regions; and draw their regional communities together to build and drive economic growth.

The RDA Chair will provide strategic direction and leadership to the RDA Committee and ensure corporate governance arrangements are effectively designed and implemented. They will demonstrate strong leadership to the Committee and have a sound understanding of board or committee performance management, including people and organisational management processes.

Accountabilities and Responsibilities

The RDA Committee Chair will be accountable to:

- Their communities for delivering outcomes that meet regional needs;
- The Minister for meeting the Government's expectations of the RDA;
- The funding providers for ensuring that agreed objectives are achieved and resources invested are expended as efficiently and effectively as possible; and
- RDA Committee staff for providing a safe and healthy workplace.

The RDA Committee Chair will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the RDA Committee grows a strong and confident regional economy that harnesses competitive advantages, seizes on economic opportunity and attracts investment.

The RDA Committee Chair will also ensure the RDA Committee and delivers against the outcomes, reporting requirements and performance measures specified in the RDA Funding Agreement. The RDA Committee Chair will also be responsible, along with the other Committee Members, for the good operational and financial governance of the overall organisation.

Selection Criteria

RDA Committee Chairs are expected to be able to demonstrate a high level of:

1. **Leadership and governance** – A successful applicant will have a very high degree of experience and capability in leading organisations and be able to demonstrate a high degree

of knowledge of the governance and performance management principles that apply. They have most likely chaired a board or committee and/or led an organisation and achieved successful and sustainable outcomes in this role(s). They will be very familiar with the types of processes required to manage an organisation, board or committee and have experience leading a group of people in a complex setting.

2. **Delivery focus** – A successful applicant will have had significant experience in actively and substantively contributing to the leadership of high performing organisations that have had success in achieving difficult outcomes within tight deadlines and in a complex environment.
3. **Business acumen** – A successful applicant will have an extensive history of making very good business decisions under pressure and being able to quickly identify and seize business opportunities when they present themselves. They have most likely had a very successful career in business or in a commercially oriented public sector or not-for-profit organisation and will be recognised as a business leader in any of these sectors.
4. **Stakeholder engagement** – The applicant will have been successful in managing a broad range of stakeholders in a complex environment to facilitate the achievement of very successful outcomes. They will have a high degree of experience in managing complex relationships including how to manage conflict between stakeholders.
5. **Representational skills** – A successful applicant will have had extensive experience representing regional, business and/or industry interests in a variety of forums. They are recognised as a business, industry and/or regional leader and are regularly called upon to represent these groups as appropriate. They have a sound understanding of the complexities involved in representing a diverse set of people and views that typically exist within a region, business and/or industry groups and can articulate what is necessary to be successful in such a role.
6. **Commitment to the region** – To be successful, an applicant will be expected to have a deep commitment to the region. They will have significant personal and business networks, be able to clearly articulate the key issues facing the region and how the RDA Committee can broker solutions to these issues. The applicant may live or have lived or have business interests in the region and will be a regional, industry and/or business leader.

Selection Process Description

Applying for a Chair position involves completing this form and providing a brief Curriculum Vitae (CV). Once submitted and processed by the Department, you will receive email confirmation that your application has been received. The application process involves the following steps and indicative timeframes:

1. **Call for applications** – via various media and through the RDA website (www.rda.gov.au). Applications will be open for up to three weeks.
2. **Processing of applications** – applications will be reviewed to ensure mandatory information has been provided. If you do not provide the information requested, your application may not be able to proceed.
3. **Referee and other checks** – once reviewed, the Department will conduct referee checks and may conduct other checks (e.g. probity checks) if required. This process will take up to two weeks.
4. **Consultation with decision maker(s)** – the appropriate approving authorities will be consulted so that a final appointment decision can be made. This will take up to six weeks.
5. **Advice to applicants** – once a final decision has been made, applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by email and/or post. This will take up to one week.

Title*	
Full First Name*	
Last Name*	
Post Nominal (e.g. OAM, AM, AO)	
Date of Birth	
Gender	
Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous Australian?	
Do you identify yourself as a person with a disability?	
Were you born in Australia?	
Do you speak a language other than English at home?	
If 'Yes', please state the language(s) other than English spoken at home.	
Current employment status?	
If employed please state:	Position
	Employer
Residential Address:	Street
	Suburb
	State
	Postcode
Postal Address (if different):	Street
	Suburb
	State
	Postcode
Home Phone	
Business Phone	
Mobile Phone	

Email*	
LinkedIn profile (if available)	
In which state/territory is the RDA Committee you are applying for:*	
Which RDA Committee?*	
Are you a current Chair/Deputy Chair/member of an RDA Committee?*	
If 'Yes' name of RDA Committee	
Current Board Memberships: Name of Organisation and Position held	
Do you have current local government experience?	
If 'Yes' please state whether as an elected representative or a local government employee	
Name of Local Government	
How did you find out about applying for an RDA Committee?	

Claims Against Selection Criteria

Please provide a statement addressing your claims against each of the selection criteria. (In the section below, it is important to adhere to the specified limit of 250 words per criteria. Extra text beyond this will not be considered).

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Stakeholder Engagement*

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Commitment to the Region*

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Referees

Details for two Referees are required.

Referee 1:	Name*	
	Relationship to applicant*	
Referee Address:	Street	
	Suburb	
	Postcode	
	State	
	Phone*	
	Email	

Referee 2:	Name*	
	Relationship to applicant*	
Referee Address:	Street	
	Suburb	
	Postcode	
	State	
	Phone*	
	Email	

You may wish to provide the name and contact number of a local elected official or business leader to support your application.

Name	
Position/Organisation	
Phone	

Privacy Notice

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department) collects information on the RDA Chair application form for the purposes of processing applications to join an RDA Committee.

The Department is likely to disclose personal information to relevant Ministers, state and/or territory departments and, in some cases, relevant local government associations. The Department does not routinely disclose personal information to overseas recipients. If you do not provide the information requested, your application may not be able to proceed. The Department's on-line privacy policy contains information regarding complaint handling processes and how to access and/or seek correction of personal information held by the Department. The Privacy Officer can be contacted on (02) 6274 6495 or email: <clientservice@infrastructure.gov.au>.

Consent and Declaration*

Responses to all items on this page are mandatory.

Please click in the box to indicate your consent or otherwise, to the following items.
Where you do not consent, please provide reasons in the comment box below.

	I consent	I do not consent
A I consent to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department) providing my name or content of this form to the relevant ministers, state or territory departments, and the relevant Local Government Associations or their representative for the purpose of considering my Application.		
B I consent to the Department or its agent seeking further information relating to my good character as outlined in the RDA Code of Conduct and Ethics, including, but not limited to, collecting information relating to (i) to (vi) below:		
(i) my financial circumstances including whether I currently am, or ever have been, bankrupt;		
(ii) criminal proceedings that I may be or have been the subject of;		
(iii) any current or past convictions for a criminal or civil offence against me except in relation to a conviction that is spent under Part VIIC of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> ;		
(iv) any inquiries in relation to me by a professional association, corporate regulatory agency or consumer organisation;		
(v) any investigations in relation to me by a Department or Agency of the Commonwealth or a state or territory of Australia;		
(vi) my eligibility to hold a Director's position with an entity regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority or pursuant to the provisions of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> including information in relation to whether I have previously been disqualified from holding such a directorship.		

Comment on reasons for not consenting to any items:

If appointed to an RDA Committee:

I consent

Please tick the box to indicate your consent to the following items.

C I consent to the Department and the RDA Committee publishing my name as provided above on their website in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.

D I understand that by publishing my name on the Department's and RDA Committee's website, the Department or Committee has no control over its subsequent use and disclosure.

E I consent to the Department and RDA Committee publishing my name as provided above in promotional documents including brochures produced by the Department or state and territory government agencies responsible for regional development in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.

F I consent to the Department and the RDA Committee sharing my name and contact details as provided above with other Australian Government, state and territory government agencies, relevant Local Government Associations and other relevant Regional Development Australia Committee Members in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.

G I agree to abide by the RDA Code of Conduct and Ethics. I agree

H I certify that all of the above information provided by me in this form is true and correct. I certify

Note: Submitting this form from your email address will be taken as your 'electronic' signature OR you may also include a scanned signature.

Signature:

Date:

Private Interests Declaration*

Responses to all items on this page are mandatory.

Name	
RDA Committee	

Please answer the following questions by ticking the reply that applies to your personal circumstances.

If you answer “yes” to any question, please provide details on the blank page after this form. Please note that answering “yes” to any question does not necessarily preclude you from being appointed.

Your response will be treated as confidential and will only be used for purposes connected with this proposed appointment.

Note: Processing of your Application will be delayed if details are not provided with this form.

	Yes	No
1 Do you have any disclosable criminal convictions, i.e. convictions as an adult that form part of your criminal history other than those protected by the Spent Convictions Scheme (see VIIC of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i>)?		
2 Are you, or have you been, the respondent or defendant in any civil or criminal court action (including as a company director or other office holder)?		
3 (a) Have you ever been declared bankrupt, entered into a debt agreement under Part IX of the <i>Bankruptcy Act 1996</i> (the Bankruptcy Act) or entered into a personal insolvency agreement under Part X of the Bankruptcy Act? (b) If you are in a partnership, have any of your partners ever been declared bankrupt, entered into a debt agreement under Part IX of the Bankruptcy Act or entered into a personal insolvency agreement under Part X of the Bankruptcy Act?		
4 Has any business or commercial enterprise for which you, or if applicable your partner(s), have had responsibility ever gone into receivership or a similar scheme or arrangement?		
5 During the last 10 years have you, or if applicable your partner(s), been the subject of a court order in connection with monies owing to another party?		
6 Have you ever been summonsed or charged concerning non-payment of tax or outstanding tax debts, investigated for tax evasion or defaults, or negotiated with the Australian Taxation Office over outstanding debts?		
7 Have you ever been the subject of a complaint to a professional body which has been substantiated, or is currently under investigation?		
8 Have you ever been dismissed from employment because of a discipline or misconduct issue?		
9 Do you or your immediate family have any financial interest in any company or business, or are you or your immediate family employed or engaged by any company or business, which might have dealings with, or an interest in the decisions of, the office to which you may be appointed? If yes, include advice on the next page on how this conflict of interest would be managed.		
10 Are you a lobbyist registered on the Australian Government’s Lobbyists Register or the register of a state or territory?		
11 Is there any other information which could be relevant to your suitability for the proposed appointment?		

Assurance

I advise that to the best of my knowledge my private, business and financial interests, including taxation affairs, would not conflict with my public duties or otherwise cause embarrassment to myself or to the Government during my term of appointment. I also undertake to advise the responsible minister should a situation arise in the future which might cause conflict of interest with my responsibilities under this appointment.

I, declare that the information provided in this Private Interest Declaration statement is true and correct. I am authorised to make this declaration.

Note: Submitting this form from your email address will be taken as your 'electronic' signature OR you may also include a scanned signature

Full First Name*

Last Name

Signature:

Date:

Once completed please submit this form and your resume to: rdaapplications@infrastructure.gov.au