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Regional Development Australia

Local people creating local opportunities

The Australian Government's vision for regional Australia is one of strong connected regions that shape economic growth and wellbeing; are resilient and responsive to economic shocks; and are inclusive, vibrant and diverse. Regions that our First Nations people have every opportunity to engage in and shape, and where people, business and investments thrive.

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) program is critical in the delivery of this vision and the successful implementation of the Regional Investment Framework: the Australian Government's approach to supporting strong and sustainable regions, which drives a coordinated approach to regional development, underpinned by local engagement.

The national network of 50 RDA committees represents a broad range of experiences including from local government, private sector, community and not-for-profit sectors.

RDA committees are real-time advisers to government on critical regional development issues, opportunities and challenges in their regions. RDAs use their local, cross-sector expertise and regional voice to:

- collaborate with integrity, transparency, respect and accountability
- engage with diverse communities, especially First Nations people
- support the Government's ambition of 'no one held back and no one left behind'
- support gender equality opportunities in their regions.

In supporting their communities, RDAs help to drive local economies, attract business opportunities and seek place-based solutions to make Australia's regions better places to live, work and thrive.

The program is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts. It is funded by the Australian Government and by state, territory and local governments in some jurisdictions.

The Minister with responsibility for the RDA Program is the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

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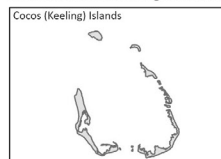
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Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation



What do we do?

The Regional Development Australia (RDA) network shares information and collaborates to develop innovations and solutions that can be adapted across the country to help grow Australia's regions.

RDA committee members are passionate and dedicated local leaders who act as an effective conduit across government, industry and with the community to support the development of their regions. They bring a broad range of experiences, including from local government, the private sector, the community and not-for-profit sectors.

Contact us

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