

Regional Development Strategy – Implementation Framework - DRAFT

THEME	OBJECTIVE	ISSUES	ACTIONS	LEAD
REGIONAL VOICE	Engaging regional stakeholders, businesses and communities to share values, identify local solutions and contribute to identifying and implementing the priorities for development and growth in South Australia.	Need for regular dialogue on priorities and opportunities, with consideration of relevant strategies and plans.	1. Regional Impact Assessments to be included in the assessment processes for evaluation and development of major regulatory reforms considered by Cabinet.	PIRSA and DPC
			2. Regional Development Strategy Steering Committee session to be held twice yearly, covering regional priority topics.	PIRSA
			3. Regional landscape boards partner with government and regional communities to respond to local issues and develop regional plans, programs and policies for the management of water, land and soil, pests and biodiversity.	DEW
LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS	New and emerging leaders in the regions are engaged and have access to the professional and personal development opportunities that will enable their participation. Ensuring that major infrastructure programs, including transport network solutions, engage representatives for local intelligence at the point of development and design.	Skilled workforce Training availability Attraction and retention Migration COVID-19	4. Develop a regional leadership capability development program in alignment with the cross-jurisdictional and bespoke Rural and Regional Leadership program of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.	PIRSA
			5. Increase regional representation on whole-of-state initiatives and committees, particularly in regional infrastructure and social service program implementation.	DPC
			6. Develop a 10 Year Education Workforce Strategy for Educational Leaders and Teachers, with focus on strengthening country workforce, including initiatives that support attraction to and retention in the regions.	Education
			7. Work with regions to develop workforce strategies within industry and across a region, commencing with the seasonal worker program in agriculture and tourism.	PIRSA

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			8. Deliver skills-based training in regional areas to ensure accessibility and ensure that resources are in place to extend skills programs in regional areas.	DIS
			9. Improve information provision on industry skills needs, options for transitioning to available training and skills development programs to businesses and schools.	DIS Education
			10. Provide career counselling support to regional schools so that students in regional communities are aware of the career options available to them in their local region.	Education
CONNECTIVITY	Identifying and enhancing digital connectivity through telecommunications and data infrastructure solutions in partnership with all levels of Government, RDAs and local stakeholders.	Strategic collaboration with regions and those who live in regions Digital connectivity Road and rail connectivity Transport solutions	11. Work with communities to understand areas of greatest mobile phone coverage need, prioritising areas that align with the Commonwealth's Mobile Blackspot Program.	PIRSA
			12. Develop a strategic approach to improving digital connectivity across regions (Regional Connectivity Strategy).	PIRSA
			13. Undertake planning and engagement to identify road transport maintenance and upgrade priorities for future investment in line with the 20-year Infrastructure Strategy.	DIT
			14. Investigate possible expansion of the High Productivity Vehicle (HPV) Route Network to improve land transport capacity, efficiency and reliability and improve access to freight nodes.	DIT
REGIONAL SERVICES	Identifying and addressing regional service gaps and establishing solutions, including hub and spoke models, for the implementation of	Housing	15. Identify more secure public sector jobs available to regional employees to empower local decision making for government programs, services and initiatives.	All

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	critical services for community safety, wellbeing and liveability.	Accommodation	16. Ensure enabling platforms of the Growth State initiative take account of regional priorities when establishing new programs and services on behalf of government.	DPC
		Waste management	17. Engage RDAs and regional communities in the investment and promotion of nature based tourism and agritourism opportunities.	DEW
		Health care GPs	18. Provide system leadership in prevention, the collection and use of data and evidence to inform practice and out of hospital strategies and services and work collaboratively with community and stakeholders to impact health and wellbeing and coordination of care.	Wellbeing SA
		Small business support	19. Provided a wide range of public acute, residential aged care, community health and mental health services to country-based South Australians through the six regional local health networks.	Health
		Tertiary education availability and support in regions	20. Develop a regional accommodation and housing investment framework for regional South Australia	PIRSA
		Diversification and localism	21. Develop a regional waste management and resource recovery plan	EPA
			22. Implement strategies to address worker shortages and seasonal worker demand and mechanisms to attract and secure seasonal workers for agricultural harvest.	PIRSA
			23. Implement a 7 Year Country Education Strategy which sets out the aspiration for a world-class public education system in every government school and preschool across regional SA, with initiatives that support the education workforce, ICT infrastructure investment and learning and career pathways opportunities for regional students.	Education

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REGIONAL INVESTMENT	Continued focus on the development and delivery of initiatives that result in increased trade, productivity, profitability, sustainability and growth.	Government decision makers based in the regions	24. Facilitate opportunities in new or emerging markets and trade; develop ways to maximise the value of the supply chain.	DTI
		Highway duplications	25. Drive business investment across all industries and facilitate trade in all goods and services both interstate and internationally	DTI
		Road infrastructure maintenance and image effecting the look and feel of regional towns	26. Unlock new economic activity in the regions and deliver critical economic infrastructure to create direct benefit across regional industries and strengthen regional communities.	PIRSA
		Population and productivity growth	27. Providing access to support, advice and information for small business owners and operators to help them build their capability to grow.	DIS
		Business investment	28. Upgrade key roads on Kangaroo Island (Playford Highway and Hogs Bay Road) for improved accessibility of regional production and tourism.	DIT
		Capitalizing tourism market	29. Work with regions to strengthen the transport network and identify constraints.	DIT
			30. Encourage students studying a range of health courses in regional South Australia to apply for scholarships worth up to \$20,000, as part of the RSS Rural Health Undergraduate Scholarship program.	Health
			31. Support for permanent employees at a regional LHN or RSS studying or intending to study at Certificate or Postgraduate level in a range of disciplines with \$4,500 for one year of their studies.	Health

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			32. Examine both land-based transport infrastructure and ports to identify the latent capacity in current infrastructure and the incremental investments that would optimize supply chain efficiency for sectors or producers.	DTI
			33. Review the application of planning and land use policies in regional areas to identify opportunities for further housing and accommodation developments	AGD
			34. Improve connectivity within the Fleurieu Peninsula, including the commencement of duplication on Victor Harbor and Main South Roads and targeted safety improvements.	DIT
			35. Expand recreation activities at Warren, Bundaleer and Myponga and South Para reservoirs.	DEW
			36. Deliver the \$150 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) to bolster South Australia's regional economy and support job growth.	PIRSA
			37. Stimulate private sector investment in new and improved regional accommodation, and the development of quality tourism product and experiences through the Tourism Industry Development Fund.	SATC
			38. Negotiate mineral exploration Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) over the highly prospective Gawler Craton and Curnamona Provinces to reduce mineral exploration risk related to native title land and enhance land access for mineral exploration and improved commercial relationships between explorers and native title holders.	DEM
			39. Accelerate the growth of regional businesses that are struggling to fill job vacancies by supporting skilled migrants to settle and secure employment	DIS

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			opportunities on offer in regional South Australia and assist local jobseekers to be work ready.	
			40. Develop the next generation of spectral geoscience products, reducing exploration risks for the minerals, exploration and energy sectors by building corresponding, publicly available, high quality datasets.	DEM
			41. Deliver targeted upgrades to South Australian regional transport corridors.	DIT
			42. Establish an Oat Breeding Centre of Excellence to accelerate, commercialise and extend the oat breeding activities undertaken in South Australia.	PIRSA
			43. Develop sub-orbital and orbital launch facilities for Australian and international rocket and satellite companies.	DTI
			44. Duplicate the Joy Baluch AM Bridge at Port Augusta, providing access across the Spencer Gulf for commuter, commercial and freight vehicles in the northern region of South Australia.	DIT
			45. Create a unique, sustainable, independently operating, non-profit, open access, globally significant underground test mine and training facility with industry partners to improve the competitiveness of South Australian energy, mining and defence industries.	DEM
			46. Seal the Strzelecki Track.	DIT
			47. Uncover new exploration targets in the state's Gawler Craton region through a world-wide call to geologists and data scientists.	DEM
			48. Review water allocations in the South East.	DEW

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			49. Upgrade improvements for the Mount Gambier Airport to allow larger aircraft and accommodate more interstate flights.	DIT
			50. Connect utilities infrastructure to support the development of the new Thomas Foods International processing plant near Murray Bridge.	DTI
			51. Improve access for high productivity vehicles to the road network through the provision of reliable and efficient freight networks that include targeted network upgrades for 'last mile' infrastructure and network expansion.	DIT
			52. Accelerate mineral project development through a multi-user infrastructure corridor and water supply options.	DEW
			53. Continue to strengthen the state migration programs to provide the opportunity to address specific skills needs in regional South Australia and advocate for further changes to Australia's skilled migration programs that better facilitates migration into the regions.	DIS