

News releases - Geoff Brock

‘Regions in Focus’ roadshow returns to Eyre and Western region

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Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock is today meeting with leaders and interest groups from the Eyre and Western region – a year on from the ‘Regions in Focus’ roadshow where the top regional development priorities were identified.

At last year’s roadshow, participants identified three priorities vital to the economic success of the region – a port facility with container capability, a single regional economic development plan and regulatory reform in the seafood industry.

Since then, the State Government has been working closely with the region through Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula to identify what initiatives are underway to address those priorities and where further work is needed.

Today that information is being presented to participants meeting in Cleve, along with a discussion on the next steps of a continued focus and progress on the region’s priorities.

Mr Brock will attend the Eyre Peninsula Field Days after the meeting.

Background

At the 2015 Regions in Focus roadshow, participants explored in detail the many priorities identified in the region’s existing economic development plan – the RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula ‘Roadmap’.

Participants were asked to identify the three key issues in their region where support from the State Government would be needed.

The 2016 series of statewide events is revisiting locations in each region and re-convening the same groups of regional leaders and interest groups who participated in 2015.

These invitation-only events are collaboratively hosted by Primary Industries and Regions SA and Regional Development Australia.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Last year I committed to returning to each region to follow up from the 2015 ‘Regions in Focus’ roadshows.

Where existing initiatives and activities have been identified – and there are many – Regions SA and the RDA have been working together to ensure the region is aware of them and can benefit from them.

Where more work needs to be done, collaboration will continue in identifying and pursuing those opportunities.

Participants attending today are champions for their regions. They have the ability to influence and raise awareness in their own community and more widely about the economic development opportunities available to them – and that’s what this process has been all about.

Collaboration between the State Government, Councils, the RDA and local businesses is vital to enabling economic development and ensuring that the Limestone Coast community can take advantage of what’s available.