

Hon Geoff Brock MP

Minister for Regional Development

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State support for Regional Development Australia bodies

The State Government today announced its ongoing commitment of \$3 million in annual funding to SA's Regional Development Australia (RDA) associations until the end of 2020.

The State Government currently provides funding of approximately \$3 million per annum across the seven non-metropolitan RDAs: Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island; Barossa; Far North; Limestone Coast; Murraylands and Riverland; Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula; Yorke and Mid North.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock made the announcement at the Regional Development Australia Barossa Annual General Meeting in Tanunda today.

This maintains the State Government's commitment to the regional economic development bodies at existing levels until December 2020, in line with the Australian Government's funding arrangements.

Background

The RDAs in South Australia are funded in a tripartite agreement between all three levels of Government.

The Australian Government announced in the 2017-18 Federal Budget that it would continue funding the RDAs at a similar level to that provided until the end of 2017, and would thereafter provide \$74.3 million for a further three years (to December 31, 2020).

The annual funding amounts remain at the same levels as the current funding arrangement.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

The RDAs provide valuable support to their regional communities, and by maintaining their funding until the end of 2020 we are happy to sustain that work.

Regional economic sustainability and growth is vital to the state's success, and State Government works closely with the RDAs to ensure their regional plans align with local and state priorities.

This funding will be distributed between the RDAs in such a way as to ensure the greatest public value is delivered across our regions, to support diverse and vibrant communities.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Australia South Australia Chair Rob Kerin

We welcome the South Australian Government's continuation of funding to support the RDA's activities across regional South Australia.

The RDAs work closely with their local communities and with State Government to identify and progress priorities for the regions.

This funding will give them certainty that will allow them to continue to strengthen their communities and pursue their vision for regional growth

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