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13-15 August 2024

National Convention Centre Canberra

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NATIONAL SUMMIT ATTENDEES

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welcome to NATIONAL SUMMIT

Welcome to the Regions Rising National Summit for 2024, the Regional Australia Institute's (RAI) annual flagship event.

The theme for this year's Summit is The New Frontier and I truly believe this phrase encapsulates regional Australia at this moment in time.

The regions stand on the precipice of enormous change. Nearly 10 million people now call our regions home, and research shows us the nation's love affair with regional living is far from over. A new era is upon us – a time when the lifestyle, career opportunities and affordability of our regions are proving magnetic, drawing in and retaining people in our regional communities. We are starting to 'Rebalance the Nation'!

This renaissance stands in stark contrast to the regional Australia of a mere quarter of a century ago, where depopulation was more commonly aligned with the regions. This growth provides so much opportunity, but it also presents challenges, particularly when it comes to housing and infrastructure, and it will take a coalition of willing players including government, business, industry and communities to address these issues.

At the same time, the future will be made in regional Australia. The regions will play the most critical role when it comes to our nation's transition to net zero. This transformation is unlike anything we have seen before – the impending deadline to rapidly cut our carbon emissions will change global economies, the environment and society.



LIZ RITCHIE
CEO - REGIONAL AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE

Again, while there are hurdles to overcome, this transition presents a once-in-a-generation chance to be the catalyst regional Australia needs and wants to help set in motion legacy projects and programs that can deliver enormous wealth, benefit and long-standing positive change to those who live beyond our big city boundaries.

This sentiment is very much aligned with the RAI's latest research report: *Towards Net Zero: Empowering Regional Communities*. This report, delivered through our Intergovernmental Shared Inquiry Program, a collaborative partnership with Federal and State Governments, shines a light on the community dynamics, barriers and enabling factors in regional Australia's transition journey. It provides an evidence driven base, which can be used to shape decision making in the years come.

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the ongoing support of the National Event Series Sponsors, Elders and nbn.co and all event partners. Without your generous support the Summit would not be possible.

Over the coming days together, we will begin to plan for what will be needed in our new regional frontier: a place where we see equality, prosperity, beauty and belonging. It's exciting and daunting and I look forward to embarking on this journey with you.



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for Australian agriculture



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NATIONAL SUMMIT WELCOME RECEPTION

Date: Tuesday 13 August

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Location: Exhibition Hall - National Convention Centre Canberra

Begin National Summit 2024 with the official welcome reception in the Exhibition Hall of the National Convention Centre.

Unwind from travel; catch up with old friends and make new ones over a drink and light refreshment.

Official welcome presented by:



Madeleine Morris
Master of Ceremonies



Liz Ritchie
CEO
Regional Australia Institute

SPECIAL GUESTS



Senator The Hon. Anthony Chisholm
Assistant Minister for Education;
Assistant Minister for Regional
Development; Assistant Minister for
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry



Senator The Hon. Bridget McKenzie
Nationals Senator for Victoria;
Leader of the Nationals in
the Senate



The Hon. Bob Katter MP
Member for Kennedy

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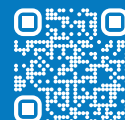
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Understanding local needs

Our dedicated nbn Local team works with your community, helping to provide localised solutions for a network better suited to your region.

Supporting digital innovation

We're working with industry groups to enhance what's possible in the fields of business, health, education, agriculture and more.



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7:30 AM - REGISTRATION

Networking / Exhibition / Coffee Cart.....30 mins

8:00 AM - WELCOME TO THE NEW FRONTIER

Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies.....5 mins

8:05 AM - WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Aunty Violet Sheridan - Ngunnawal Elder.....5 mins

8:10 AM - CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Christian Zahra AM - Chair, RAI.....5 mins

8:15 AM - MINISTER ADDRESS

The Hon. Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.....15 mins

8:30 AM - Q&A.....10 mins

8:40 AM - RAI ADDRESS

Liz Ritchie - CEO, RAI.....20 mins

9:00 AM - Q&A.....5 mins

9:05 AM - PANEL: REALISING THE AMBITION OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Facilitator: Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies

Professor Barney Glover AO - Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia

Martijn Wilder AM - Chair, National Reconstruction Fund

Georgie Dent - CEO, The Parenthood

Kate Fielding - CEO, A New Approach

Bridget Cama - Uluru Statement of the Heart, Indigenous Law Centre, University of NSW...50 mins

9:55 AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

James Holloway

Deputy Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia.....15 mins

10:10 AM - Q&A.....10 mins

10:20 AM - MORNING TEA

Networking / Exhibition.....30 mins

10:50 AM - PANEL: TRANSFORMING POLICY DREAMS INTO REALITY

Facilitator: Professor Fiona Haslam-McKenzie - Board Director, RAI

Steve Orr - Secretary, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, NSW

David Mackay - Deputy Secretary, Regions, Cities and Territories, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts, Federal

Prof. Peter Appleford - Major Programs & Regions, Department of Primary Industries and Regions, SA

The Hon. Fiona Nash - Regional Education Commissioner.....45 mins

11:35 AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sam Dimarco - General Manager Regional and Remote, nbn co.....15 mins

11:50 PM - Q&A.....10 mins

12:00 PM - PANEL: THE GREAT TECH RACE

Facilitator: Sam Dimarco - General Manager Regional and Remote, nbn co

Dr Brad Tucker - Astrophysicist and Cosmologist, Australian National University

Andrew Leong - CTO – Fixed Networks and Executive General Manager AI and Automation, nbn co

Jack Growden - Founder and CEO, LiteHaus International

Hannah Wandell OAM - First Assistant Coordinator General, National Emergency Management Agency

Sarah Nolet - Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Tenacious Ventures

Damian Kassabgi - CEO, Tech Council of Australia.....60 mins

1:00 PM - LUNCH

Networking / Exhibition.....45 mins

1:45 PM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

John Cleland - CEO, Essential Energy.....15 mins

2:00 PM - Q&A.....10 mins

2:20 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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See page 16 for more information on the breakout sessions.....60 mins

3:20 PM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mark Allison - CEO, Elders Limited

Hannah Speers - Operations and Support Specialist, VicRiv Region, Elders Limited.....25 mins

3:45 PM - THE FEDERAL ELECTION

Facilitator: Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies

John Scales - Founder, JWS Research

The Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon - Former Federal Member for Hunter

Kerry Chikarovski AM - Founder and Director, Chikarovski & Associates.....40 mins

4:30 PM - AFTERNOON TEA / CLOSE



DAY 1 SPEAKERS



Madeleine Morris
Master of Ceremonies



Aunty Violet Sheridan
Ngunnawal Elder
Welcome to Country



The Hon. Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Regional
Development, Local
Government and Territories



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Through innovation and technology, we are actively providing benefits to our customers and communities by supporting the energy transition and enabling connections of renewable energy on the network. We are also training the workforce of tomorrow so our people can inspire and enable the network of the future.

Together we can build a brighter future.

Essential Energy, power and people you can rely on, now and in the future.

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PANEL: REALISING THE AMBITION OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Two years on from the launch of the RAI-led holistic plan for regional Australia, has the nation shifted the dial on addressing the inequalities between metropolitan and regional, rural and remote Australia? Business, community and government voices deliver the verdict from their patch and share insights on how to supercharge meaningful change towards rebalancing the nation.

FACILITATOR
MADELEINE MORRIS - MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Professor Barney Glover AO
Commissioner
Jobs and Skills Australia



Georgie Dent
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Bridget Cama
Uluru Statement of the Heart,
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PANEL: TRANSFORMING POLICY DREAMS INTO REALITY

Responsible for the implementation and to a degree, the success, of government policy, senior public officials share the balancing act of their day jobs: turning policy vision statements into real-world positive outcomes for regional Australians.

FACILITATOR
PROFESSOR FIONA HASLAM-MCKENZIE - BOARD DIRECTOR, RAI



Professor Peter Appleford
Major Programs and Regions
Department of Primary Industries
and Regions, SA



The Hon. Fiona Nash
Regional Education
Commissioner



Steve Orr
Secretary
Department of Primary Industries
and Regional Development, NSW



David Mackay
Deputy Secretary, Regions, Cities and
Territories, Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communication and the Arts, Federal



PANEL: THE GREAT TECH RACE

The sum of the intelligence of a diverse cohort of the brightest business and science minds equals an insightful take on how technology, in all its forms, is changing the face of the regions and how the benefits are shaping up to be anything but artificial.

SAM DIMARCO - GENERAL MANAGER REGIONAL AND REMOTE, NBN CO

FACILITATOR



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Management Agency



Sarah Nolet
Co-Founder and
Managing Partner
Tenacious Ventures



Damian Kassabgi
CEO
Tech Council of Australia



PANEL: THE FEDERAL ELECTION

A panel of political insiders looks forward to the Federal Election and the role regional Australia will play in the campaign and ultimate success of either party.

FACILITATOR

MADELEINE MORRIS - MASTER OF CEREMONIES



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Founder and Director
Chikarovski & Associates



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DAY 1 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1 HOME GROWN HOUSING SOLUTIONS



Facilitator
Diwa Hopkins
Senior Economist
RAI

A cross-section of experts representing regional Australia's diverse housing landscape share their thoughts and experiences in working towards a regional Australia where a home is a given, not a luxury.



Nick Lane
Executive Director
and Founder
Passive Place



Kerren Crosthwaite
First Assistant Secretary
Housing Division,
Commonwealth Treasury



Greg Muller
Chair
Nestd



Robert Pradolin
Co-Founder and Director
Housing All Australians



Michael Crosby
Head of Public Policy,
Airbnb Australia and
New Zealand

BREAKOUT 2 THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EDUCATION - GETTING THE FOUNDATIONS RIGHT



Facilitator
Amalie Smith
Chief People Officer
Essential Energy

From early education to vocational training, a panel of experts, give their thoughts on what's working and what's not, in giving our regional kids and students the best start in life.



The Hon. Fiona Nash
Regional Education
Commissioner



Jenny Dodd
CEO
TAFE Directors



Hacia Atherton
CEO
Empowered Women
in Trades



Steph Trethewey
Founder and CEO
Motherland



Andrew Paterson
CEO
Family Day Care
Australia

A growing and ageing population is putting increased pressure on regional health and aged care. Our panellists are bucking the trend delivering sustainable care services that put people first.



Kate Sowden
Executive Director
Work + Stay



Tanya Forster
CEO
Macquarie Health Collective



Dr Rod Martin
Co-Founder
Observe Care



Deborah Martin
Co-Founder
Observe Care



Professor Faye McMillan
Acting National Rural
Health Commissioner



Jane Pickering
Chief Executive
Eldercare Australia Ltd

Support your community to build its resilience against the impacts of drought, through the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund. More than \$28 million, over two years of the Fund's \$520 million second round will be directed towards practical partnerships with communities. The investment will be delivered through the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs. In this panel session, hear from the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee Chair; Drought Hub leaders and communities that have already benefited from Future Drought Fund investment. And get the latest research insights on what determines a community's drought resilience.



Brent Finlay
Chair
Future Drought Fund
Consultative Committee



Dr Robert Mellor
Regional Economies Centre of
Excellence
University of Southern Queensland



John Gladigau
Farmer; Creative
Director
ifarmwell



Simone Cameron
Senior Policy Manager
- Northern Australia
Cotton Australia



Professor the Hon. John Mcveigh
Director
Southern Queensland Northern NSW
Drought Innovation Hub
University of Southern Queensland



Prof Jacki Schirmer
Professor
University of
Canberra

BREAKOUT 3 TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE FIRST



Facilitator
Libby Heard
Education Project
Manager
RAI

BREAKOUT 4 RURAL COMMUNITIES THE FOCUS OF \$520M FUTURE DROUGHT FUND



Facilitator
Cindy Cassidy
CEO
Southern NSW
Innovation Hub



6:30 PM - FUNCTION BEGINS / DRINK SERVICE – EXHIBITION AREA

Networking / Exhibition.....ongoing

7:15 PM - WELCOME TO THE SUMMIT DINNER / GUESTS SEATED

Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies.....5 mins

7:30 PM - DINNER SERVICE

Dinner / Networking.....45 mins

8:15 PM - RAI WELCOME

Christian Zahra AM - Chair, RAI.....5 mins

8:20 PM - PARLIAMENTARY ADDRESS

Dr Helen Haines MP - Independent Member for Indi.....10 mins

8:30 PM - TRANSGRID ADDRESS

Maryanne Graham
Executive General Manager of Corporate and Stakeholder Affairs, Transgrid.....5 mins

8:35 PM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Leila McDougall - Director, VAM Paddock Productions.....20 mins

8:55 PM - DESSERT SERVICE

Networking.....ongoing

9:00 PM - ENTERTAINMENT

Nathan Lamont.....ongoing

10:00 PM - EVENT CONCLUDES

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Venue: Exhibition Hall - National Convention Centre Canberra

SUMMIT DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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Master of Ceremonies



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REBALANCE THE NATION

**We've received over 70 pledges to date,
contributing over \$1 billion to regional Australia!**

Organisations across Australia are showing support for the Regionalisation
Ambition 2032 by making a pledge to #RebalanceTheNation.

Pledges align with the Ambition's five key pillars:



**Productivity &
Innovation**



Liveability



Jobs & Skills



Population



**Sustainability &
Resilience**



What's your pledge?

Pledge your support today, and join
the effort to Rebalance the Nation.



8:00 AM - REGISTRATION

Networking / Exhibition / Coffee Cart.....30 mins

8:30 AM - WELCOME TO THE NEW FRONTIER

Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies.....5 mins

8:35 AM - FIRESIDE CHAT

Rachel Yangoyan - CEO, QantasLink

Facilitator: Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies.....25 mins

9:00 AM - MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

The Hon. David Littleproud MP - Leader of the Federal National Party / Federal Member of Maranoa / Shadow Minister for Agriculture.....15 mins

9:15 AM - Q&A - Facilitator: Madeleine Morris - Master of Ceremonies.....10 mins

9:25 AM - PANEL: POWER STRUGGLE

Facilitator: April Cavanagh - Director and Acting CEO, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise
Samantha McCulloch - CEO, Australian Energy Producers
Dan Cass - Director, Rewiring Australia
Katherine Teh - Executive Chair, Spektrum Mining
Michael Frangos - Chief Executive Officer, Indigenous Energy Australia
Dr Simon Wright - Senior Research Fellow, Energy and Circularity, Charles Sturt University
Kristy Walters - Director, Haystacks Solar Garden.....50 mins

10:15 AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Rob Wheals - CEO, Squadron Energy.....15 mins

10:30 AM - Q&A - Facilitator: Simon Pryor - Research and Policy Director, RAI.....10 mins

10:40 AM - MORNING TEA

Networking / Exhibition.....25 mins

11:05 AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ben Thompson - CEO and Co-Founder, Employment Hero.....15 mins

11:20 AM - Facilitator: Liz Ritchie - CEO, RAI.....10 mins

11:35 AM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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See page 26 for more information on the breakout sessions......60 mins

Venue: Exhibition Hall - National Convention Centre Canberra

12:35 PM - LUNCH

Networking / Exhibition.....50 mins

1:25 PM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Lisa Lalande - CEO, Century Initiative.....15 mins

1:40 PM - Q&A - Facilitator: Liz Ritchie - CEO, RAI.....10 mins

1:50 PM - PANEL: BIG REGIONS - PURPOSEFUL POPULATION GROWTH

Facilitator: Liz Ritchie - CEO, RAI
Elizabeth Collett - Global Fellow, Migration Policy Institute
Mayor Kylie King - Chair, Regional Capitals Australia
Ray Haeren - National Vice President, Planning Institute of Australia
Jim Gall - CEO, RB Sellars.....50 mins

2:40 PM - CLOSING REMARKS

Christian Zahra AM - Chair, RAI.....15 mins



REGIONS RISING TASMANIA

Join industry leaders, regional change-makers, government representatives and community members as we share ideas, information and solutions on the key issues impacting Tasmania. RAI will also be launching its new research report on the circular economy.

SAVE THE DATE

📍 Wednesday, 23 October 2024

📅 The Tramsheds Function Centre - Launceston

Sincere thanks to our event sponsors:



The Hon. Catherine King MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government



The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier of Tasmania



James Cornish
Business Development Manager, Tasmania Elders Limited

**PLUS MANY MORE SPEAKERS
TO BE ANNOUNCED**



DAY 2 SPEAKERS



Rachel Yangoyan
CEO
QantasLink



The Hon. David Littleproud MP
Leader of the Federal National Party
Federal Member of Maranoa
Shadow Minister for Agriculture



Rob Wheals
CEO
Squadron Energy



Ben Thompson
CEO and Co-Founder
Employment Hero



Lisa Lalande
CEO
Century Initiative

PANEL: POWER STRUGGLE

Regional Australia is the epicentre of Australia's energy transition and decarbonisation journey where the uncertainty of change meets a future-shaping opportunity. A panel of experts from right across the energy continuum unpack how regional communities are the real powerbrokers in the nation's pursuit of net zero.



FACILITATOR
APRIL CAVANAGH - DIRECTOR AND ACTING CEO
TOOWOOMBA AND SURAT BASIN ENTERPRISE



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Chief Executive Officer
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Dr Simon Wright
Senior Research Fellow,
Energy and Circularity
Charles Sturt University



Kristy Walters
Director
Haystacks Solar Garden

Hear how we're building community resilience

Agriculturally focused regional communities are a priority for the Future Drought Fund following the announcement of \$519.1 million to be invested over the next eight years.

Come and have a conversation with the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs at Booth 18-19.

LEARN MORE at Breakout Session #4

Hear from the Future Drought Fund Chair, Hub leaders, and communities that have already benefited from Future Drought Fund investment. Plus get the latest research insights on drivers of community drought resilience.

Join us! 2.20pm, Wednesday 14 August
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Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry





PANEL: BIG REGIONS - PURPOSEFUL POPULATION GROWTH

The RAI has a target of 11 million people living in regional Australia by 2032, an increase on the forecast population of 10.5 million, adding \$13.8 billion in GDP to the nation's bottom line. How as a nation do we attract and enable this growth and plan for a bigger, sustainable and more prosperous regional Australia?

FACILITATOR
LIZ RITCHIE - CEO, RAI



Elizabeth Collett
Global Fellow
Migration Policy Institute



Mayor Kylie King
Chair
Regional Capitals Australia



Jim Gall
CEO
RB Sellars



Ray Haeren
National Vice President
Planning Institute of Australia



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JOIN OUR MEMBER COLLECTIVE

The strength of RAI's member collective enables us to advocate for better policy solutions and investment that delivers tangible benefits for regional communities. By becoming a member of RAI, you are actively supporting the enhancement of prosperity in regional Australia.

RAI members enjoy many benefits including:

- Exclusive member-only workshops and webinars
- Discounted event tickets
- Nation-wide branding
- Speaking and case study opportunities
- Collaboration opportunities; and much more.

We have three tiers of membership designed to suit the needs of our diverse partners that help shape our regions.

To find out more, please contact Alana Joske, Partnerships and Programs Director or scan the QR code.

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DAY 2 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 5 HOW TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT: HEAR FROM THOSE WHO DO



Facilitator
Christian Zahra AM
Chair
RAI



Robbie Sefton AM
Founder
Seftons Advisory



Rachael Sweeney
Founder
Collective Position



Simon Banks
Managing Director
Hawker Britton



The Hon. Rob Kerin
Former South Australian Premier
and Board Director, RAI



Paul Chamberlin
Principal
TG Public Affairs

A cohort of policy and advocacy professionals share their experience on how to achieve positive policy outcomes from government.

BREAKOUT 6 THE FUTURE OF WORK



Facilitator
Sandra Harding
Board Director
RAI



Dr Ben Gursansky
Head of Regional and Rural Affairs
Telstra Limited



Zara Tonkin
Chief of Staff
Employment Hero



Kirsty Leslie
Director, Regional Workforce
Assessment, Workforce Futures,
Jobs and Skills Australia



Sam Treloar
Founder
Dpartmnt

The ability to work away from head office: at home or in a co-working space, has meant many Australians can now live where they love, not live where they work. Here, representatives of corporate Australia dedicated to remote work arrangements and business strategists, hatch a plan to ensure the remote work movement is here to stay.

Regional Australia will be the engine room of Australia's energy transition: home to new renewable energy projects; a rapidly expanding critical minerals sector and supporting industries. This panel considers how regional communities can capture the enduring benefit of this time in the sun.



Nils Hay
CEO
Mid West Development
Commission WA



Michael Lloyd
Acting Program Director Stakeholder
Relations Major Projects
Transgrid



Ali McLean
Executive Manager - Economic
Development and Tourism
Hay Shire Council



Dr Fiona Davis
Director
Currie Communications

In this panel, local leaders of three of the most isolated regions in the country share how an abundance of in-demand natural resources are unlocking their potential. Regional Western Australia; North West Tasmania and the region where South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales meet, are at the epicentre of the nation's new renewable energy and critical minerals industries. The challenge is how to harness the incoming prosperity for the long term and to create enduring, positive legacy for communities.



Paul Rosair
Executive Officer, Regional
Capitals Alliance WA and
Kimberley Regional Group
of Councils



Leanne Rosewall
Regional Director - RDV
and RDA Loddon Mallee,
Department of Jobs, Skills,
Industry and Regions



Andrew Brien
Founding Member of the
Regional Capitals Alliance
WA and CEO, City of
Kalgoorlie-Boulder



Glenn Stewart
Manager, Robinvale Euston
Workforce Network and
Member of the Cross-Border
Tristate Industry Taskforce



James McKee
CEO / Director, Regional
Development
RDA Tasmania



Cr David Menzel
Chair, Kimberley Regional Group
and President, Shire of Wyndham
East Kimberley



BREAKOUT 7 COMMUNITY LEGACY: MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES



Facilitator
Anna Stephenson
Education and Regional
Impact Director
RAI

BREAKOUT 8 THE NEW FRONTIER



Facilitator
Steve Tighe
Director
Chasing Sunrises



STAND 1/2



STAND 3



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

STAND 4/5



STAND 6



Australian Government
Department of Home Affairs

STAND 7



STAND 8

RB SELLARS
RURAL OUTFITTERS

STAND 9/10



STAND 11/12



STAND 13



STAND 14



STAND 15



Win the Grant
or Tender

STAND 16



STAND 18/19



STAND 20/21



STAND 22/23



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SCAN ME

REGIONAL AUSTRALIA COUNCIL

The RAC gives Australia's business community a vehicle to support the development, investment and prosperity of regional Australia in a collaborative way. This solutions-based council helps inform and support the work of the RAI and in turn, regional Australia.

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ALLIANCE

REGIONAL ACTIVATORS ALLIANCE

Open to Australian businesses and associations, local and state government agencies, community organisations and academic institutions. RAA members are at the forefront of a powerful national movement which is changing the narrative on the value of regional Australia.





WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR REGIONALISATION?

The National Alliance for Regionalisation brings together more than 30 CEOs from the most influential peak bodies in the country, with the purpose of working to help bring the RAI's Regionalisation Ambition 2032 to life.

The Alliance is the first of its kind in this country, spanning business, health, education, infrastructure and the environment. Through knowledge sharing and national leadership the Alliance aims to ensure the 20 targets and aspirations set out in the Ambition remain relevant and central to decision-making for regional Australia over the next decade, working together to see more than 11 million people living prosperously in regional Australia by 2032.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR REGIONALISATION



Supporting regional communities in the energy transition

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The Transgrid Discovery Hub in Wagga Wagga helps people learn about local projects and what the switch to clean energy will mean.

The Hub provides a space to share ideas and discuss concerns, as well as a place for young people to explore career paths in energy, engineering, and the environment.

It transforms the way we engage with regional landowners and communities, as we plan and build the new energy superhighway, that will ensure secure, reliable, and cheaper electricity supply for Australians.

Additionally, the Discovery Hub offers a shared space with facilities for community meetings and collaboration.

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