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MEDIA RELEASE

RDA ADELAIDE HILLS, FLEURIEU AND KANGAROO ISLAND SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19

The Australian Government commends the outstanding work of RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island in supporting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Led by Chair Mr James Sexton, RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island's engagement with their community, businesses and all levels of Government has been vital in identifying emerging issues throughout the crisis and opportunities for the recovery phase.

This work is important to managing impacts and ensuring communities and businesses are able to get back on their feet as quickly as possible. Key activities being undertaken by RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island include:

- Surveying industry and businesses to identify and quantify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the regional economy;
- Providing direct assistance and advice to businesses on assistance packages and programs;
- Working with local governments to identify and prioritise key recovery projects and initiatives which are now being actively promoted by the RDA for funding; and
- Providing mentoring of growth businesses and key employers through their recovery from the pandemic.

Regional Development Australia Committees (RDAs) have played and continue to play an important role in delivering sustainable infrastructure and services to their region. These Committees deliver important work in consulting with communities, promoting and participating in regional initiatives, and providing information and advice on their region to all levels of Government.

Since late March I have been holding regular teleconferences with RDA representatives three times a week. These conversations provided first-hand insights into how local communities are coping, and the impact and effectiveness of Government response measures. This local intelligence is provided directly to Government ministers and agencies to inform policymaking.

I want to thank the RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island committee members and staff for their work in driving positive change in your local communities.

If you would like to learn more about how RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island is able to assist you, visit its website at www.rdahc.com.au.

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