

## Media Release:

### Blueprint for SA's Regional Economic Growth Released

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Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) is pleased to announce the release of the second annual edition of the Regional Blueprint for South Australia's Regional Economic Growth.

The Blueprint is a collaboration between the eight Regional Development branches across South Australia, developing strategies for each region following consultation with local Government, business, industry associations, indigenous and community groups. It provides an overview of regional South Australia, including a snapshot of each region that details strategic industries and sectors, themes for growth, investment opportunities, and key statistics.

Regional Development South Australia (RDSA) is a unique model within Australia due to its tripartite funding model across Federal, State and Local Government. It is the only state division in Australia that has developed such a sophisticated arrangement. This allows the entity to work very practically within, and across regions, while also championing the State to both Federal Government when required, and across local government as needed.

The aim of the Blueprint is to deliver the best possible outcomes within each RDA's specific region, as well as state-wide, while serving as a cohesive point of reference for all levels of Government and key stakeholders. It informs submissions made to Infrastructure Australia, Infrastructure SA, relevant Government Departments, and private investors.

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Underpinning the Blueprint is a fully scoped and detailed project and investment pipeline, that is updated quarterly to incorporate conceptual through to shovel-ready projects. The details of a number of projects in the pipeline remain highly confidential, however, the Blueprint which contains the overarching strategic approach and background information is available on the RDAHFKI website [<https://rdahc.com.au/about-us/reports>], or via hard copy on request.

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**Chief Executive Officer and Director of Regional Development at RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, Mr Damien Cooke;**

“This report demonstrates a consolidated and consistent strategy for economic growth in our regions and is underpinned by state-wide consultation and research. We look forward to working with all levels of Government in the delivery of this strategy over the next year.”

**Report:**

<https://rdahc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/October-2021-RDSA-Blueprint-Edition-2.pdf>

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