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## ADELAIDE HILLS, FLEURIEU AND KANGAROO ISLAND

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## Regional Development Funding Secured to 2030

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**Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island will continue operating through to 2030 following a State Government funding announcement this week.**

The Malinauskas Labor Government has committed \$13.75 million over the next four years to South Australia's seven non-metropolitan RDAs, an increase of more than \$500,000 on the previous funding round. Regional Development Australia organisations are funded to develop and implement viable projects and programs to address region specific opportunities or issues, attract investment, develop strategies to facilitate regional growth and provide advice to the State Government on economic development opportunities.

This four-year funding agreement provides certainty for RDA AHFKI, allowing them to continue to deliver programs such as their award-winning Hills & Coast Business Grant, the Regional Drought Resilience Plan, Small Business Mentoring, Inspired Leadership development and Grant Writing Masterclasses, among others.

Beyond direct program delivery, the organisation advocates on critical regional issues including housing, workforce development, transport infrastructure, childcare supply and tourism. This work connects local insights with government decision-making while helping businesses and communities access available support.

The collaborative approach delivers results. Previous work by RDA AHFKI on Kangaroo Island housing shortages led to State Government infrastructure grants, \$10.5 million in direct capital investment for 56

housing allotments, and support for \$118 million in industry investments.

**“Regional communities face unique challenges that require local solutions. This four-year commitment allows us to take a strategic, long-term approach - working with our council partners, businesses and community groups to tackle workforce shortages, housing constraints and infrastructure gaps.**

**The Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island contribute significantly to South Australia's economy, and continued funding ensures we can build on our existing relationships and programs to create lasting positive change.”**

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