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**SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH
FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

1. Passion for regional, rural and remote Australia is still as strong as ever

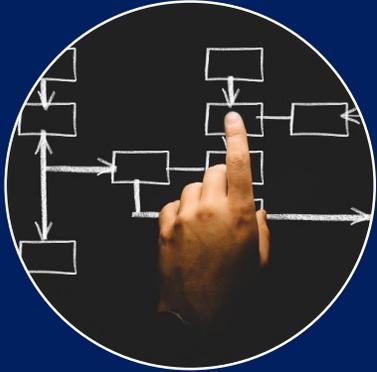
2. Economic Development Practitioners have an incredibly strong grip on how their own regions work

3. We are good at developing and using networks and our networks networks



4. It is hard work to get multiple government agencies to work together and yet we have to and do

5. We are passionate advocates for our regions



1. Strategic
Foresight



2. Place
Based
Approaches

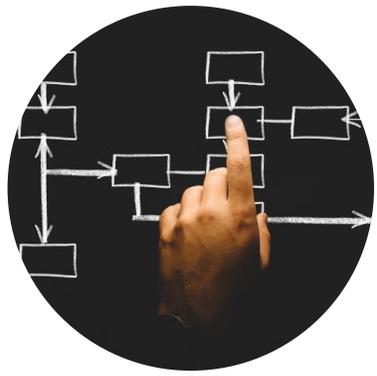


3. Healthy
and Vibrant
Communities



4. Sustainability





Strategic Foresight



- Tailoring policies to regional differences
- Enhancing planning and foresight capability for regions
- Investing in human capital and adaptive capacity of business and communities
- Investing in connectivity and infrastructure
- Institutional reform for development
- Managing risk
- Supporting collaboration with and beyond regions
- Investing in inclusion and liveability outcomes



Place Based Approaches



Key elements of a place-based policy include

- a) That it is a long-term strategy aimed at tackling persistent underutilisation of potential resources and reducing persistent social exclusion in specific places through external intervention and multi level governance.
- b) In a place-based policy - public interventions rely on local knowledge.
- c) Linkages among places are to be taken into account.
- d) The essence of a place-based approach is that it relates to a specific but not static scale and footprint



Healthy and Vibrant Communities

Life long learning, education and leadership

Leaders need to know:

- a) How to manage complexity and are skilled at solving problems and making decisions under fast-changing conditions.
- b) Have an understanding of global business.
- c) Strategic skills focus at both shorter and longer term and continuously under review.

Regions need to be putting renewed emphasis on breakthrough innovation by

- e) Leveraging networks.
- f) Inspiring engagement.
- g) Demonstrating personal adaptability.
- h) Cultivating learning agility.



Sustainability



- a) Renewable Energy boom is currently underway in the electricity sector with the number and capacity of proposed and possible wind, solar and pumped-hydro projects far outstripping the capacity of the energy network, or grid.

- b) Managing the Catchment Systems' holistically: maximising collaborative governance to deliver integrated catchment and water cycle management and harness the socio-economic benefits of ecosystem services.

- c) Maximising the economic potential of production and conservation landscapes, local and regional creative and entrepreneurial forces, and innovative commercial enterprise.

- d) Utilising the knowledge and value systems of 'Traditional Owners' to enhance environmental management practices and the attainment of sustainability goals: interfacing traditional and safe water approaches to reduce human and environmental health risks and achieve biodiversity outcomes.



Water

- Scope the key challenges being confronted by regional Local Government Authorities (LGAs) and the resources available to councils and communities address them.
- Identify and agree a pathway forward to:
 - protect and optimise the potential of regional ecosystem services
 - reduce the risks from changing environmental condition including extreme climatic variability
 - embed sustainability principles for the utilisation of natural resources and the livelihoods and lifestyles of people in the FWR.

