



Mackay, Queensland

OCTOBER 22-25

CALL FOR PAPERS

SEGRA is recognised as Australia's most credible independent voice on issues affecting regional Australia. Take an active role in advancing regional, rural and remote Australia at SEGRA 2018 in Mackay from October 22-25.

SEGRA, now in its 22nd year, is committed to enabling regional, rural and remote Australia to source and identify the knowledge, techniques and skills regions require to achieve successful economic growth and development.

CONFERENCE THEME:

Beyond the Boom: Opportunities for growth and vitality

The impact of economic business and trade cycles, depending on severity and rate, have profound effects on national economies. Regional, rural and remote Australia are often more acutely vulnerable to these cycles given their more immediate connection to agricultural and commodity cycles.

Set against the backdrop of the vibrant city of Mackay, a service centre for its broader agricultural, mining and tourism economies, **SEGRA** 2018 will be showcasing how regions can leverage the challenges of both these extremes to create vitality and growth in regions.

The **SEGRA** National Steering Committee is inviting submissions from regions which have faced the challenges of boom and bust and used their unique local skills and attributes to diversify and grow. Papers focusing on business attraction and investment strategies, the use of multi-level governance and localism to drive decision making, promoting environmental sustainability, and maximising technology and infrastructure to create connectivity are particularly sought.

ACTION AGENDAS

- Regional Australia and the national agenda – what does policy and practice look like in regional, rural and remote Australia?
- How to attract private sector investment into regional, rural and remote economic development partnerships
- How places in regional, rural and remote Australia make the best decisions
- How technology and innovation provide business growth and social inclusion opportunities for rural, regional and remote Australia
- How to grow sustainable regions: supporting economic, social and environmental assets of regional, rural and remote Australia
- How Regional Australia adds value and value adds
- What does good decentralisation look like? How do you maximise the empowerment of regional communities?

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF OFFERED PAPERS IS COB FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018
[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR PAPER NOW](#)

SEGRA is pleased to partner with the Journal of Rural Society to produce a special edition of **SEGRA** contributions. There is the opportunity for blind peer review of these papers if requested. Contact kate@segra.com.au for more information.



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT SEGRA

“It is a great conference that has so many levels of people attending and mixing into a single melting pot for the betterment of Regional Australia”
SEGRA Delegate

“I believe it is important that these conferences have a representation from across the NFP sector as it is often these organisations that are on the ground and doing the grass roots service delivery in regional communities”
Not Disclosed

“It is the best Regional Development Conference in Australia...the hard part about the planning profession is getting them to think past the metropolitan areas”
Business Director

“It was a powerful and positive event where it was possible to integrate with keynote speakers”
State Government

“This was my first **SEGRA** conference, I found it an excellent way to network with regional colleagues and great to have such a diversity of economic development people in one place. I thought the calibre of speakers was excellent”
Not Disclosed

“I find that there is not a comparable Conference on the National circuit and the content and networking opportunities presented are highly relevant to my work, therefore if a colleague was working in a similar field I would recommend it to them”
Peak Body

