

MEDIA RELEASE – 6 July 2017

RDA encourages local businesses to be part of developing the north

Local businesses with an interest in the future development of North Queensland are being encouraged to attend a special event in Townsville this month.

Our North, Our Future – the Vision for Northern Queensland Infrastructure event is being held by Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland (RDA) and Infrastructure Association of Queensland (IAQ) on the 20th of July.

RDA Committee Acting Chair Frank Beveridge said future development and employment opportunities for the region will be the focus of the event.

“The event will outline the opportunities involved in transitioning the region and what this means for the Queensland infrastructure industry,” Mr Beveridge said.

Special guest speakers include; the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator the Hon Matt Canavan and Senior Economist at BIS Oxford Economics Adrian Hart.

Senator Canavan will discuss the Australian Government’s strategies for the development of northern Australia, in the short, medium and long-term.

Senior Economist Adrian Hart will present the key findings of the 2017 Queensland Major Projects Pipeline report and the infrastructure challenges and opportunities for North Queensland.

IAQ CEO Steve Abson said the Project Pipeline report identified \$39.1 billion of major contracts over the next five years across the state.

“The report also identified North Queensland as the region with the strongest growth potential,” Mr Abson said.

“There’s enormous opportunities to stimulate growth within regional Queensland.”

The Project Pipeline report was commissioned by IAQ, Queensland Major Contractors Association and Construction Skills Queensland.

The breakfast event will be held from 7.15am at the Townsville RSL Club on 20th July and will be followed by an optional Infrastructure Tour, which will include a briefing and on-site tour of the Townsville port and a tour of the State Development Area to see the proposed rail corridor.

To Register for the event log on to: <http://www.iaq.com.au/> (registrations close COB 17 July)

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(Refer to attachment for further event details)



Attachment – Event Details

Time: 7.15am-9.00am

Venue: Townsville RSL Club, 139 Charters Towers Rd, Hyde Park, Townsville

Cost: Members \$115, Non-members \$140, Members tables of 10 \$1035 and Non-members tables of 10 \$1400 (includes GST)

Infrastructure Tour - \$30

(A privately hired bus will pick up delegates from the Townsville RSL at 9.30am with the tour expected to be completed by around midday)

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