



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Minister Marino calls for applications for RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Chairperson**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November, The Hon Nola Marino MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, announced applications are open for the the position of Chairperson of Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland.

From 2021, RDA Chairs will lead their Committees under a refreshed Charter that focuses their role on driving investment and local procurement opportunities and through this, creating jobs and economic growth for our regions. The Australian Government is seeking a highly-motivated leader with vision, drive and a passion for regional development, to volunteer to Chair Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West QLD Committee.

Senator Susan McDonald said “RDAs are a highly valued and respected network of volunteers and staff who drive economic development in our regions and provide critical intelligence back to the Australian Government about the key issues impacting local communities. I’ve worked alongside RDA now for a few years and I look forward to continuing work the new chair in 2021, once appointed by the Minister”.

The role of the Chair will lead the RDA, working closely with the Committee, staff, federal, state/territory and local governments, and key business and industry organisations to directly inform, support and promote the growth and development of the Townsville and North West QLD region. The role requires strategic leadership, the drive to shape regional development and facilitate economic growth and the long- term opportunity to deliver sustained success.

Minister Marino encouraged business and community leaders who have strong advocacy and negotiation skills and a proven track record of achieving outcomes in complex environments to apply. Women, people from Indigenous and diverse cultural backgrounds and people with a disability are encouraged to apply.

Recently, the Australian Government recognized and commended the important ongoing work of the Regional Development Australia Network (RDA) in driving economic development and growth across regional Australia and announced the Australian Government’s recommitment to the RDA Network, including RDA Townsville and North West Queensland under a new 4.5 year funding agreement and refreshed Charter.

For more information about the role of RDA Committees and Chairs, regional maps and **how to apply**, please visit [www.rda.gov.au/join-your-rda](http://www.rda.gov.au/join-your-rda). You can also contact the RDA team via phone 1800 505 938 (Mon–Fri 9am–5pm AEDT) or email [rdaapplications@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:rdaapplications@infrastructure.gov.au)

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