

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Minister Marino reappoints Cr Frank Beveridge as RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee Chair

The Hon Nola Marino MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, said: "I am pleased to announce the reappointment of Cr Frank Beveridge to 30 June 2025. Cr Beveridge has provided strong leadership for RDA Townsville and North West Queensland during his time as Chair, having successfully steered the committee through the challenges of 2020 and, along with the members and staff, provided great support for the region's business community and future economic development. Cr Beveridge will lead RDA Townsville and North West QLD 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."

Minister Marino completed her announcement: "I look forward to working with Cr Beveridge and the RDA Townsville and North West Queensland members and staff over the coming years and encourage the community to reach out to their RDA to discuss how it can help business succeed".

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of Committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of their regions. RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities with a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment.

Cr Frank Beveridge said: "I am honoured to accept this reappointment as Chair of RDA Townsville and North West QLD. I am very proud of our track record of implementing economic development initiatives in the region and look forward to working with our committee and staff, alongside all levels of Government, business and communities to grow a strong, confident and vibrant region".

As all committee member terms expire on 31 March, 2021, RDA will soon be calling for applications for all committee positions with the aim to have our new committee established by 1 April 2021.

For more information about RDA and to see our new Charter, visit our website: www.rdanwq.org.au

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