

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT TO FEATURE PRIORITIES FOR FAR NORTH REGION

The infrastructure needs of regional South Australia will be the topic of a two-day Summit planned for 23 and 24 July 2013.

The Summit is a joint initiative of all the <u>Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees</u> in South Australia and aims to shine a light on the economic potential of our country regions.

"This Summit is the first time that regional industries and all levels of Government will have the opportunity to get together and discuss the infrastructure needs of the bush" said Hon Rob Kerin, Chair of Regional Development South Australia, the peak body for regional economic development in our State.

Day-one of the Summit will focus on major economic infrastructure. Projects such as gas pipelines, railways, deep sea ports and electricity supply fall into this classification. Day-two will be more community focussed and examine social infrastructure such as educational, health and recreational facilities.

Ms Jen Cleary, Chairperson RDA Far North said, "Through ongoing consultation with our industry, government and community partners we have developed a solid understanding of the future infrastructure priorities of this region and we look forward to promoting these priorities at the Summit."

"This is an opportunity that we have pursued as part of our ongoing work to realise the economic potential of the Far North Region and I will ensure that the challenges that this region faces and the vast array of opportunities available to us are highlighted at this forum."

The issue of funding is expected to be a hot topic at the Summit and attendees will learn about public/private partnerships and how to develop a sound business case to attract the attention of investors and the Government.

Registrations for the Summit are now open. For further information please go to <a href="http://www.yorkeandmidnorth.com.au/events">http://www.yorkeandmidnorth.com.au/events</a> calendar/rdsa regional infrastructure summit b arossa valley/

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