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NEW CHAIR OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FAR NORTH ANNOUNCED

Federal Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh recently announced Mark Sutton as the new chair of Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN).

Mr Sutton has a long history and acquired extensive knowledge of living and working in the Far North SA region and is currently the Director of the Outback Communities Authority. Mr Sutton has also held the position of Deputy Chair of the RDAFN Board for a period of 6 years.

Firstly, I thank the Minister for the appointment and look forward to continue to provide a strong regional influence and presence and build a vibrant regional economy based on community values and with sound environmental credentials”, Mr Sutton said.

“The Far North SA region is a dynamic environment, ebbing and flowing often at the behest of outside influences. RDA Far North, and its predecessor the NRDB, has been one of the grass roots constants that has adapted and capitalised on those opportunities for the betterment of the region. Strong local knowledge and leadership has enabled RDAFN to be a true influencer in the region and I look forward to ensuring that this continues.”

“RDAFN already has in place very strong links and connections to many of the key stakeholders across the vast region and as the region adapts to the growth of current and emerging industries, I look forward to seeing RDAFN support their economic development.”

“I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge outgoing Chair Dr Jen Cleary who provided 10 years of strong and impassioned stewardship of RDAFN and has been an outstanding leader, guiding us through challenges and achievements we have faced and celebrated.” Mr Sutton said.

Dr Cleary said, “It has been my absolute privilege and pleasure to be a part of RDAFN and I will always be proud of what we have achieved together, and what RDAFN will continue to achieve under Mark’s leadership and congratulate Mark on his appointment.”

Mr Sutton said that the RDAFN Board will shortly advertise for positions of Deputy Chair and additional committee members and looks forward to seeking diversity in terms of geographical and industry based membership.

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