1. Tomorrow’s Regions represents a new model to guide the Queensland Government’s engagement with rural and regional Queensland. The model reflects three core principles: effective engagement; better partnerships; and regions influencing priorities. Implementation of this model will make a critical contribution to achieving the goals of *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland*; goals which will only be achieved with the active and committed participation of regional communities.
2. Tomorrow’s Regions incorporates the following key components:
* implementation of Regional Development Australia (RDA) in Queensland as the centrepiece of the model, with 12 RDA committees forming a State-wide network to inform the Australian, Queensland and local governments on regional priorities;
* integration of Blueprint for the Bush, as a targeted program for rural and remote communities. In Blueprint for the Bush areas, the RDA Regional Roadmaps, developed by RDA Committees in partnership with key stakeholders, will include a Regional Blueprint which will identify key issues and priorities for rural and remote communities;
* Commitment of $2 million of funding over 2 years, available for projects that are aligned with priorities for rural and remote communities identified through the Regional Blueprint component of the RDA Regional Roadmaps;
* complementary targeted community engagement that will respond to specific issues and include the participation of relevant Ministers and agencies as required;
* the use of Regional Managers Coordination Networks (RMCNs) to inform, validate and advise on specific regional priorities and possible solutions, and to resolve issues at a local level where possible.
1. Tomorrow’s Regions establishes strategic and practical linkages between distinct rural and regional engagement and development initiatives. This will result in a more cohesive approach to rural and regional engagement and alignment of Government initiatives with identified rural and regional priorities.
2. Tomorrow’s Regions will operate in collaboration with the development and roll-out of Regional Plans, which bring together regional strategies to establish coordinated regional objectives, a framework for their delivery, and regular monitoring and review.
3. Cabinet approved implementation of Tomorrow’s Regions as the Queensland Government’s model for regional engagement.
4. Cabinet approved that the community engagement aspect of Tomorrow's Regions, which will replace the Ministerial Regional Community Forums and will involve Queensland Government Ministers engaging with communities on whole-of-Government strategic priorities, with Ministers being assigned to local areas, and Ministers engaging with Regional Development Australia on portfolio business as required.
5. *Attachments:*
* Nil