

New direction for RDAs: Minister Nash refocuses

Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash announced, on Friday 18th September, that the Regional Development Australia network will be refocused to attract investment and jobs to their regions.

The announcement follows the independent review into RDA Committees and their effectiveness by the Hon Warwick L Smith AM. Following careful consideration of the findings and recommendations contained in the independent review the Minister announced that there will be a number of reforms to the programme and these will be implemented over the coming months.

RDA committees will move forward under a new charter which focusses on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages and drive economic growth. The major changes in the RDA network will be:

- RDA Committees will now pro-actively target, seek and negotiate with private companies, not-for-profits and governments of all levels to bring jobs and investment to our regions;
- A more rigorous, merit-based appointments process for Chairs and Committee members will begin from the end of this year, when most terms of appointment run out;
- For the first time, clear performance measures will mean practical outcomes of RDAs are properly monitored and measured.

Funding for RDA Committees has been extended until 31st December 2020. For more information on the new charter please go to: <https://rda.gov.au/review/>.



Inquiry into National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities

The Northern Regional Development Australia Alliance (NRDAA) has provided a submission to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development on the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy.

The strategy is being developed to increase the productivity and efficiency of Australia's freight supply chain. This in response to Infrastructure Australia's 'Australian Infrastructure Plan'.

The submission from NRDAA has provided information collated from all eight RDA's whose regions make up Northern Australia.

To view this submission please go to our website www.rdapilbara.org.au.

Danny Green Visits Boss Hogg Boxing and Fitness Academy



RDA Pilbara is proud to share this good news story of Danny Green visiting Josh Hill and his successful programme that develops and engages Aboriginal at risk youth in a

boxing and healthy lifestyle opportunity through Boss Hogg Boxing and Fitness Academy.

Danny worked with Josh last week in mentoring and providing positive guidance to the youth that attend these sessions twice a week.

For more information please contact Josh Hill on 0400 596 547.