Speaking up for Regional Australia

What are regional Australians talking about

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Accessibility Remoteness Index Australia 2006

ARIA+ and ARIA+++ are indices of remoteness derived from measures of road distance between populated localities and service centres. These road distance measures are then used to generate a remoteness score for any location in Australia.

ARIA+ (2006) 1 km grid
- Major cities (0–0.20)
- Inner regional (0.20–2.40)
- Outer regional (2.40–5.92)
- Remote (5.92–10.53)
- Very remote (10.53–15.00)

Data Sources:
GISCA, The University of Adelaide
Australian Government Geoscience Australia, & Australian Bureau of Statistics

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SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA
Australian Population Density ABS 2011 data
Regional Australia – the next 10 years

Regions as places for people
Regions as places for people’s endeavours
Regions as places for resource optimisation and commercial innovation

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Regional Policy

In the context of low density economy where the fundamental economic structure and its growth opportunities follow a considerably different logic than is the case in urbanised areas (OECD Rural Policy 3.0 p183)
Regional Policy implications
Securing investment in place based catalyst public infrastructure, building new businesses, enabling business growth

The ability to navigate and synergise all tiers of government and to demonstrate a value proposition to each is a key capability in regional Australia (Kinnear, Charters, Vitartas)
Sustainability of land, water and community
Safe and secure domestic water – particularly in the north
Mitigation and adaptation

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Regional places which provide education, health and lifestyle services
Attracting investment into regions for public catalyst infrastructure

connecting collaborative capital

layered and connected regional economic development
developing 21st century employment futures
understanding growth markets of the future

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Sustainable industries particularly energy, water and soil science

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Retaining value in regions
superannuation policy
FTA
Mining taxes
Royalties for Regions
Innovation, entrepreneurship and start ups

Innovation often occurs close to the customer – there is particular potential for innovation in regional Australia. Regional Australia has a natural advantage in terms of agility and creativity.

What are the STE(A)M jobs in regional Australia?

Retaining community diversity

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