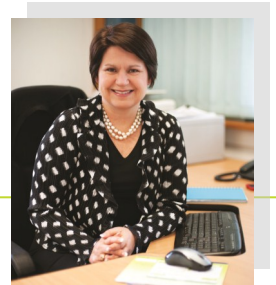




TOWNSVILLE  
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QUEENSLAND INC

Developing the long term  
sustainability of our region

## Newsflash From the CEO



Good Afternoon!

This afternoon we have received advice about submissions to the *Consultation Paper* on the **Regional Australia Renewable Initiative** closing on 25 January. This Initiative, developed by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), and the feedback opportunity **will be important for proposed program participants in remote or regional areas such councils, Ergon Energy, mining companies, tourist operators, pastoral companies and renewable energy companies active in the deployment of renewable energy systems in remote or regional off-grid and fringe-of-grid applications.**

The Regional Australia Renewable Initiative aims to demonstrate the viability of renewable energy in regional and remote locations. It will support the deployment of commercially prospective renewable energy technologies, both generation and enabling, in off-grid and edge-of-grid situations.

ARENA welcomes stakeholders to make a written submission to the Regional Australia's Renewables Consultation Paper by 4.00pm AEDST on **Friday 25 January 2013.**

To make a written submission read the Regional Australia's Renewables Consultation Paper and complete a Regional Australia's Renewables - Submission form. This information is available on the [Australian Renewable Energy Agency website](http://www.arena.gov.au).

We expect this information and opportunity will be of great interest to many stakeholders in our region. We would also welcome receiving advice about your submissions if you are willing to share the information.

Have a great weekend!

**Glenys Schuntner**  
Chief Executive Officer

### RDA Committee

**Mr Paul Woodhouse**  
*Chairman*



Paul joined RDA in 2012. Retiring from local government after serving 12 years as Mayor and Councillor of McKinlay Shire Council to follow other interests, Paul is a primary producer in north west Queensland.

**Ms Lyn McLaughlin**  
*Deputy Chair*




Lyn joined RDA in 2009. She is a former Mayor and Councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and represents the region on several committees. Lyn is a primary school teacher.

**Mr Jeff Jimmieson**  
*Treasurer*



Based in Townsville, Jeff and his wife Debbie own and operate an events management business Access All Areas Event Management. Born in Toowoomba, Jeff has lived in Townsville since 1985.

**Mr David Kippin**  
*Secretary*



David is CEO at Townsville Enterprise Limited, North Queensland's peak economic development and destination marketing organisation. David has previously held senior positions in Financial and Professional Services and Corporate Advisory.

**Cr Rick Britton**



Rick was elected to Boulia Shire Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor since 2008. Rick and his wife Ann own and operate the cattle station Goodwood Pastoral Company.

**Dr Scott Crawford**



Based in Townsville, Scott is CEO of NQ Dry Tropics, the natural resource management body for the Burdekin region. Originally from Brisbane, Scott has lived in Townsville for 13 years.

**Cr Tracy Forshaw**



Tracy has been a Councillor on the Burke Shire Council since 2008. Tracy and her husband Ian own and operate an earthmoving, quarry and concrete business in Gregory.

**Mr Trevor Goldstone**



Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University. Trevor moved from Adelaide to Townsville in 2009.

**Cr Greg Jones**



Greg is the Mayor of Flinders Shire where he has served as a Councillor since 1994. Greg and wife Carole operate an Electrical, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning business in Hughenden.

**Mr Mike Westerman**



Mike is the General Manager, Xstrata Mount Isa Copper Operations and has more than 20 years' experience as a mining engineer in underground and open pit environments.

**Position Vacant**

People interested in nominating for the Committee can find more information at <http://rda.gov.au/node/15>

Also please do not hesitate to call Glenys Schuntner, CEO on 07 4760 1612 for a discussion about the role.

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