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sustainability of our region*

RDA Newsflash

Mr Paul Woodhouse, Chairman, Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland Committee (RDA) welcomes the Australian Government's announcement of the opening of the new National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF).

The Fund will invest \$1 billion over five years and support investment in the priority economic and infrastructure areas – from freight and transport projects to convention centres and major multi-purpose sports facilities. These investments will also have a major focus on strengthening economies in Australia's regions by improving the productivity, employment, and workforce skills of Australians.

Applications for Round 1 of NSRF can be submitted up until 5pm local time 28 November 2014.

"Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees can play an important role in the NSRF by providing information and advice, including how to align with government and regional priorities" said Mr Woodhouse.

Grant funding of between \$20,000 and \$10 million (GST exclusive) will be provided for infrastructure projects that provide economic benefit and have an identifiable and sustainable impact on a region. Projects must be capital in nature and could involve the construction of new infrastructure or the upgrade, extension, or enhancement of existing infrastructure.

The NSRF Guidelines provide information about the types of project proposals being sought, how proposals will be assessed, how decisions will be made and conditions of funding. These are available on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf. Other information about grants can also be found on the RDA website under the Resources and Links tab at www.rdanwq.org.au.

RDA is organising workshops for eligible applicants and will distribute information on these through the Community Connections newsletter this afternoon.

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