

Copper Coast Council Submission - South Australia's 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy

Comments on the South Australia's 20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy are as follows:-

Population Growth challenges – there are some regional areas in South Australia that have population growth- for example the Copper Coast Council which encompasses the towns of Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and Paskeville that has significant population growth. In my view, regional areas with population growth need to have a 20 year growth plan which links provision of infrastructure (all infrastructure-hard and soft) with Federal, State, Local Governments and the community.

Each of the regional growth areas should have such a 20 year growth plan with triggers for capital facilities and service provision increase once certain population levels have been attained. This would mean additional health, police, human services and Council services once certain triggers are reached in population growth.

In relation to education the provision of tertiary hub facilities and programs in regional areas should be considered. A number of Councils or groupings of Councils are progressing individually tertiary hub facilities and courses. In some cases this would be through shared facilities with TAFE. The State Government could assist with such tertiary hub facilities and programs in regional areas, where there has been a demonstrated business case and demand for such facilities and courses.

Health services and facilities are considered to be one of the most important services for communities particularly in regional and rural areas. It is recognised that not all specialist services can be provided in regional areas. Regional Hospitals do provide a level of specialist services with the full suite of specialist services being provided in Adelaide. However, it is important for accident and emergency services and some level of specialist services to be provided in some regional areas, particularly where there is growth.

Transport is important in regional South Australia particularly with the demise of train transport. Recognising the increase in road transport servicing agriculture and industry in regional areas is important. The maintenance and upgrade of road infrastructure is necessary to support agriculture and industry in regional areas.

I have attached information in relation to different programs, services and funding provided by Regional VIC. Consideration could be given to such programs in South Australia.

Regards,

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The Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (RJIF) is the Victorian Government's overarching regional development package. It invests in growing jobs, building infrastructure and strengthening communities in regional Victoria.

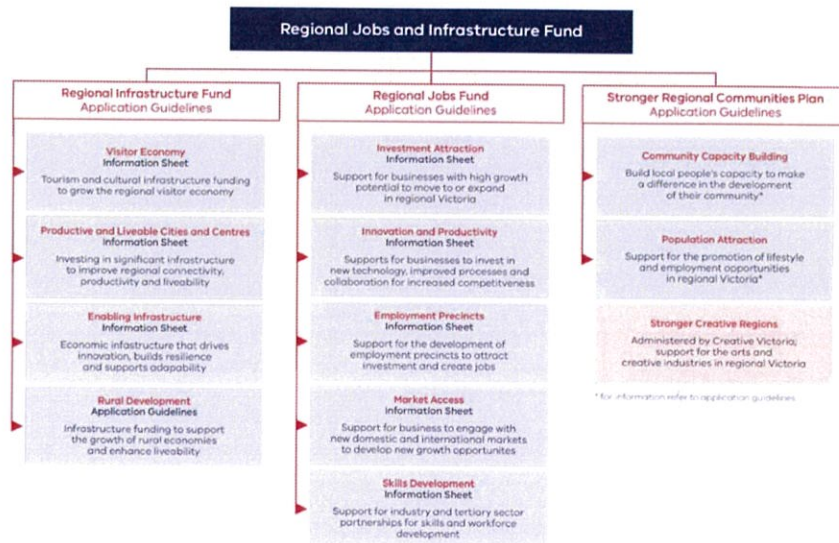
Regional Development Victoria (RDV) manages the RJIF's three programs:

- the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/regional-infrastructure-fund>)
- the Regional Jobs Fund (RJF)
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/regional-jobs-fund>)
- the Stronger Regional Communities Plan (SRCP)
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/stronger-regional-communities>).

There are ten program streams with public grant programs under the fund.

The Government welcomes grant proposals from regional and rural local government authorities, government agencies, not-for-profits, community groups and businesses. This includes from businesses in high-growth sectors such as: medical and new energy technology; food and fibre; transport, defence and construction technology; international education; and professional services.

See the application guidelines, information sheets and Frequently Asked Questions (<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund/rjif-faqs>) for more information. You are encouraged to call your local RDV office early, to talk through your proposal and how RJIF programs might be able to support your project before you draft an application.



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Regional Jobs Fund

The primary aim of the Regional Jobs Fund (RJF) is to facilitate job creation and retain existing jobs. It attracts and facilitates investment with a focus on regional competitive advantage or high-growth potential businesses, and will assist to diversify the regional employment base.

The fund aims to improve regional capacity, innovation and capitalise on the potential of emerging industry sectors, particularly the Government's priority areas and new export markets.

The RJF will provide support for strategic projects and infrastructure through the following four public grant program streams:

- Investment Attraction
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund/investment-attraction>)
- Innovation and Productivity
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund/innovation-and-productivity>)
- Employment Precincts
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund/employment-precincts>)
- Market Access
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund/market-access>)
- Skills Development
(<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund/regional-skills-fund>).

The \$20 million Food Source Victoria initiative 
(<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/food-source-victoria>) will be funded under the Market Access program stream. Food

Source Victoria will build alliances across the agrifood sector to grow exports and build industry capabilities, and has its own targeted grant program.

See the RJF program application guidelines and program stream information sheets (<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-jobs-fund>) for more information.

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Supporting local towns

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The SRCP supports small grants of up to \$50,000 under the following two program streams:

- Community Capacity Building
- Population Attraction

See the (<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-regional-communities-plan>)SRCP program page for more information about these two program streams.

View the Stronger Regional Communities Plan application guidelines

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