



NORTHERN AUSTRALIA INSURANCE INQUIRY

RDA Pilbara attended the ACCC Northern Australia Insurance Inquiry held on Thursday, 30th November 2017 in Karratha.

On 25th May 2017, the Australian Government directed the ACCC to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry into the supply of residential building (home), contents and strata insurance in Northern Australia.

ACCC Deputy Chair, Delia Rickard opened the forum by advising the process that has been undertaken across the Northern Australia and invited attendees to review the issues paper and respond to the online questionnaire.

This public forum was attended by over 30 residents who expressed their disbelief in high costs associated with home and contents insurance policies and the differences that are reported between insurance providers.

RDA Pilbara was also acknowledged by the ACCC for the [Study on Insurance and Banking in the Pilbara](#) report published in 2015 and it was noted that this report has been hugely helpful to the Inquiry.

For more information on the paper and questionnaire please visit: <https://www.accc.gov.au/about-us/inquiries/northern-australia-insurance-inquiry>.



BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND CLOSING SOON—19th December 2017

Not for profit organisations and local governments across the region are being encouraged to apply for a grant through Round Two of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

BBRF is a competitive, merit based grant program with two streams:

The [Infrastructure Projects Stream](#) supports projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provides economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

The [Community Investments Stream](#) funds new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability strengthening activities that deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities.

Submissions to **Round Two close on 19 December 2017**. For more information on the Fund, or to submit an application, visit www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund.