

## Federal Minister announces Regional Development Australia Pilbara Chair



The Federal Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, the Honourable Dr John McVeigh MP has announced the Chair roles for the Regional Development Australia Network and RDA Pilbara is pleased to announce that Fiona White-Hartig has been reappointed to this role for the Pilbara until December 2020.

Fiona has been the Chair for RDA Pilbara for the past five years and has provided strong leadership and significant input into the strategic direction of the organisation, with the support of the Committee. RDA Pilbara has under the leadership of Fiona, developed several well researched studies and reports that have informed decision making at a Local, State and Federal Government level.

RDA Pilbara will continue to support and advocate for economic development and diversification across the region in line with the new focus for the organisation as articulated by the Federal Government in 2018.

Fiona will appoint a Committee and the expressions of interest will be advertised in the local newspaper, and on the RDA Pilbara website: [www.rdapilbara.org.au](http://www.rdapilbara.org.au).

## Regional Growth Fund now OPEN

On 2 March 2018 the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, announced the opening for Initial Applications to the \$272.2 million Regional Growth Fund.

The Regional Growth Fund will provide grants of \$10 million or more for major transformational projects which support long-term economic growth and create jobs in regions undergoing structural adjustment.

Selection of projects will be undertaken in two stages. Stage One requires submission of an Initial Application for competitive assessment. Stage Two is for the submission of a Full Business Case. Only successful applications to the Initial Application will be invited to submit a Full Business Case.

**Initial Applications are now open and will close at 5pm AEST on 27 April 2018.**

You should familiarise yourself with the Key Documents prior to commencing your Initial Application and you are encouraged to seek the support of your Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committee for your project.

For further assistance with the Initial Application Form, please contact the RGF HelpDesk at 1800 044 938 or at [RGF@regional.gov.au](mailto:RGF@regional.gov.au).

For more information relating to the fund criteria and guidelines please go to: <http://regional.gov.au/regional/programs/regional-growth-fund.aspx>