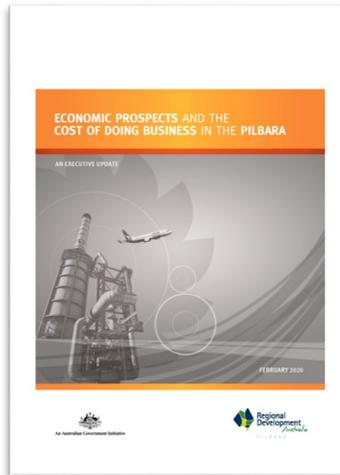


## Economic Prospects and the Cost of Doing Business in the Pilbara 2020

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Pilbara has been reporting on the economic and business environment through annual Cost of Doing Business studies since 2013. This report provides an executive update on this theme.

The Pilbara contributes to the economic development of the State and Australia more than any other region in Australia. It now has a broader and deeper extractive industries sector and opportunities afforded by the abundance of renewable energy and marine resources are increasingly being recognised as providing enhanced prospects for a greater degree of diversification.

The focus is on understanding the drivers and constraints to economic development in the Pilbara. Policies that seek to alleviate the constraints and enhance further development, need the ongoing attention of government agencies at all levels.



RDA Pilbara is a strong advocate of economic diversification and a supporter of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and Non-Government Organisations (NGO) sectors as key pillars for the sustainable future of the Pilbara. Clearly it is in the best interests of all businesses that costs are controlled and the enabling environment for investment is sustained and enhanced.

The Pilbara is entering another exciting phase in its growth and development. It is imperative

that joint action by the public and private sectors ensure that the benefits flow to the community.

To read this report please [click here](#) or visit the [RDA Pilbara website](#).

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## Boosting Female Founders Initiative Round One

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Round One of the Boosting Female Founders (BFF) Initiative. This Initiative provides female founders of start-up businesses with funding to launch and scale their businesses into domestic and global markets. It will help female entrepreneurs overcome the disadvantages they face in getting access to finance and support, to grow their start-ups. Targeted support will be on a co-contribution basis.

Grants are available for between \$25,000 and \$480,000 and the Initiative will run over three years from 2020/21 to 2022/23.

Closing date for Round One is **14th April 2020, 5.00pm AEST**. For more information on the Initiative please visit the [Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources](#).

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