# Pyrenees Shire Council Submission

The Minister for Regional Development has advised Council of the commencement of a review of DEDJTR's regional service delivery model and strategic directions for regional policy, and invited Council to provide input into the review by submitting ideas to the “local RDV office” for forwarding on to the project team conducting the review.

Pyrenees Shire Council is pleased to have the opportunity to have input into the review, however the limited time provided has restricted the depth of input on this occasion.

I provide the following suggestions for consideration, and I would be happy to provide further input or clarification on any of the suggestions below:

1. The need for policy, and state funding to leverage commonwealth mobile black spot funding, improving communication and enabling affected communities and business to develop to their potential.
2. The need for policy to free up unused public land in regional and rural towns for appropriate development including housing.
3. Incentives for local government to develop industrial land to create an environment for private industry investment.
4. Incentives for the development of infrastructure to enable access to water and gas for essential services and for industry development.
5. Policy which recognises the importance of rural communities in supporting, servicing and providing an employment base for the agriculture sector.
6. Declaration of specific strategic local roads as arterial roads managed and funded by the state and in order to ease the burden on small rural councils, and to ensure these roads continue to be suitable as important freight routes.
7. Additional untied ongoing funding to small rural councils to improve their sustainability and continue to deliver essential services to communities, based on policy which recognises the limits on rural Councils to raise the revenue necessary to deliver services and maintain and renew significant assets.
8. Policy which seeks to reduce red tape in the administration of grants to local government and to reduce barriers to investment.
9. Policy which seeks to build on the investment in the Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan, and Regional Transport Plan, and which seeks to implement agreed initiatives in a streamlined way, and in a way that seeks to leverage federal funding.

Please pass on these ideas to the project team.

Kind regards,

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