# **Video Transcript**

## **Chair, Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnerships**

[Regional Partnerships Loddon Campaspe]

[Text: What excites you most about your role and the Regional partnerships?]

*David Richardson, Chair, Loddon Campaspe Regional* Partnership

Well, I regard the Regional Partnerships as my most important role, even though I have a full-time job and belong to a couple of boards, because it is the best way to have an impact and serve your community.

There’s no other role which you can do within your community that connect you so quickly and so centrally and so powerfully back into the heart of government.

[Text: Share with us your Partnership’s key future priorities.]

Our key future partnership priorities are fairly broad and diverse and they’re not always financial.

We’ve got a terrific piece of work going on at the moment in a policy influence within government around equity and inclusion.

[Vision: Views, both aerial and at ground level, of solar panel farm.]

We also have a strong focus on renewable energy generation, storage and distribution, so we’re advocating strongly for powerline upgrades for transmission of a lot of the renewable energy that’s being generated across our region.

[Vision: View of pedestrians walking along footpath in front of shops. View of the entrance to the Engineering and Technology Building and views of technical equipment in the building.]

We also have a very strong focus on youth as our critical asset, and we’ve created a number of skills pathways, both in regional advanced manufacturing and also in health.

[Vision: View of people at café being served.]

And we look forward to creating further skills pathways in hospitality and in information/technology.

[Text: How do you aim to make your region a better place to live, work and invest for the community and anyone considering moving there?]

The call to action for Regional Partnerships is writing itself with the post-pandemic activity of this great regionalisation that’s taking place.

[Vision: View of tree-lined street and shops in Bendigo.]

So we’re finding we’re under a lot of pressure with population growth.

[Vision: View of tradesman on building site working. Aerial view of suburbs.]

There’s a construction boom to try and address the housing shortage.

So, you know, we’re very much focused on those priorities of increasing the opportunities for social and affordable housing, for increasing government services, improving our hospitals and healthcare networks, advocating for growth in schools and better facilities in TAFE.

[Vision: View of PIINPI sign and Bendigo Art Gallery entrance. View of various artworks in gallery. Aerial view of Bendigo Airport and Bendigo Airport sign. Ground level view of tarmac and plane taking off.]

And getting our fair share of other assets which contribute towards a great place to live, work and play, so tourism, contributions for programs, upgrades to our art gallery, our regional airports and so much more local infrastructure which make the place more inviting to come and live and stay, and young families to invest in futures.

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