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# Review of the *Regional Development Act 2004*

Consultation Report

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## Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development acknowledges that it stands on Country which always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work.

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# Message from the Minister



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As part of the 2023/24 Budget, I announced the NSW Government's Regional Development Roadmap, our plan to deliver a fresh approach to investing in regional communities.

A review of the Regional Development Act 2004 (the Act) is a key pillar of the Regional Development Roadmap, alongside the NSW Government committing an initial \$350 million into the Regional Development Trust Fund and the appointment of the Regional Development Advisory Council.

The Act provides the legislative framework to support economic development and employment growth in regional NSW. Our regional communities have changed significantly since the Act was first introduced 20 years ago. The Act needs to be modernised to ensure it can meet the needs of regional communities today and into the future.

From November 2023 to February 2024, the NSW Government conducted public consultation on the review of the Act. As part of this process, I held a listening tour across our regions to hear directly from local industry, community groups and councils about their priorities, needs and the principles that should underpin future Government investment in their regions.

The feedback received through the public consultation process has been captured in the Review of the Regional Development Act Consultation Report.

This feedback will inform our work to modernise the Act to ensure that government investment is best directed to improving outcomes in rural and regional communities, now and into the future.

I look forward to introducing legislation into NSW Parliament in the second half of 2024 to amend the Act to ensure that our regional communities are best placed to grow, prosper and thrive.

**The Honourable Tara Moriarty, MLC**  
*Minister for Agriculture,  
Minister for Regional NSW,  
Minister for Western NSW.*

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## Message from the Regional Development Advisory Council

In December 2023, the Minister for Regional NSW, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, appointed the Regional Development Advisory Council for an interim 12-month term with the direction to support the modernisation of the Regional Development Act 2004 and advise on establishing a robust governance framework to support the delivery of the \$350 million Regional Development Trust Fund. This report represents an important first milestone for the Regional Development Advisory Council following its appointment.

The Consultation Report on the Review of the Regional Development Act 2004 reflects the role the Advisory Council will play in ensuring that regional communities and their priorities are placed at the centre of government decision-making.

My fellow Council members and I are regional people. We have grown up, lived, and worked in regional areas and are intimately acquainted with the opportunities regional communities and industry have embraced, but also the challenges our communities face.

Through the public consultation that has been undertaken for the review of the Act, we have heard directly from people about how we can work together on development and growth in regional NSW.

As part of the public consultation process, over 200 submissions were received representing views from a wide range of stakeholders across the community. The Minister for Regional NSW also hosted 9 Development Roundtables across the state to hear directly from industry, community and local government on the priorities that matter most to them.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from regional communities about how the Act and the Trust governance framework should be shaped into the future.

We now have before us a wonderful opportunity to ensure robust, sustainable and strategic investment is made in regional NSW and we are committed to seeing this happen.

**Emeritus Professor Alison Sheridan**

**Chairperson**

**Regional Development Advisory Council**

# Regional Development Advisory Council



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Alison Sheridan,  
Chairperson**



**Thomas McKeon,  
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The Secretary of the Department is also a member of the Regional Development Advisory Council.

# Introduction

Regional NSW is home to one-third of the state's population, and provides the food, fibre, energy and resources that help all NSW communities live and grow.

As part of the 2023/24 NSW Budget, the Minister for Regional NSW (the Minister) announced a new Regional Development Roadmap (Roadmap) to guide how the government invests in and addresses the needs of all regional communities. The Roadmap consists of 3 key elements:

1. Investing an initial \$350 million in the Regional Development Trust Fund (Trust) over 4 years
2. Appointing a Regional Development Advisory Council (Advisory Council), and
3. Modernising the *Regional Development Act 2004* (the Act).

In December 2023 the Minister announced the appointment of 7 members to the Advisory Council for an initial 12-month term. The Advisory Council will play an important role in supporting the modernisation of the Act and will also advise the Minister on establishing a robust governance framework to support the delivery of the \$350 million Trust.

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## Modernising the *Regional Development Act 2004*

The Act was introduced in 2004 to provide a framework that supports economic development and employment growth in regional NSW. It includes provisions on regional development objectives, circumstances under which grants of financial assistance may be made, the establishment and operation of the Trust and the appointment of the Advisory Council.

Regional NSW has experienced significant changes in the time since the Act was first introduced. Nation-wide changes to working arrangements and the trend towards working from home has encouraged a movement of people away from metropolitan centres into the regions. However, many regional areas are experiencing a protracted shortage of skilled labour and housing stock, as well as broad-scale pressure on regional supply chains driven by the residual impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

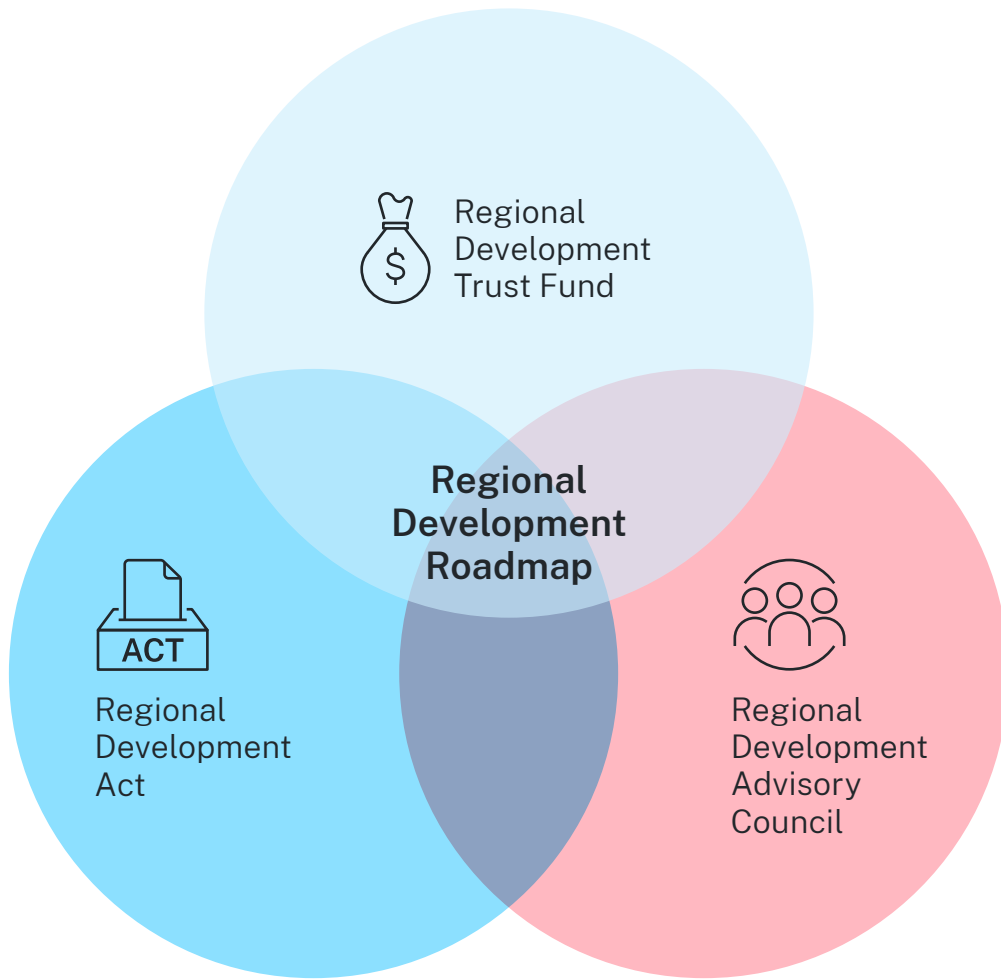
The continued growth of regional NSW and its importance to the future of NSW provides an opportunity to re-evaluate the Act, including how investment through the Trust and the oversight of the Advisory Council can best support communities, industries and economic growth in regional NSW. The Act has not been reviewed in more than a decade and needs to be modernised to ensure it can meet the changing needs of regional communities.

As part of the Roadmap, the NSW Government asked for community feedback and comment on how it can improve the Act.

The Consultation Report provides an overview of community feedback received regarding changes to the Act and governance of the Trust.

Further information about the Roadmap is available at [nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopment](https://nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopment)

**Figure 1 Regional Development Roadmap process and timing**



**Regional Development Roadmap**



# Consultation Approach

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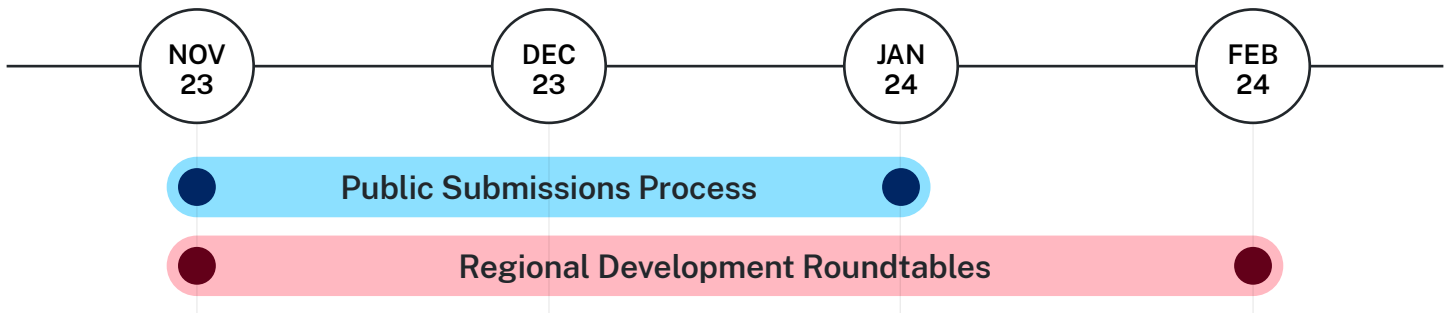


The NSW Government announced public consultation on the review of the Act as part of the 2023/24 Budget.

Consultation commenced in November 2023 with the intent to seek community feedback on:

- amending the objects of the Act
- modernising the governance of the Advisory Council
- improving the governance arrangements of the Trust
- establishing a transparent and robust reporting framework, and
- creating a clear framework to help establish the NSW Government's regional priorities.

Consultation was undertaken through the following mechanisms:



**A public submissions process (November 2023 – January 2024)**

The public submissions process commenced with the release of an [Issues Paper](#) in November 2023. The Issues Paper set out a series of questions on the review of the Act and invited interested community members and organisations to respond via the NSW Government Have Your Say online platform, by email or mail. Submissions were accepted from 20 November 2023 to 31 January 2024.

**Regional Development Roundtables (November 2023 – February 2024)**

The Minister for Regional NSW hosted a series of 9 Development Roundtables across regional NSW to support consultation on the review of the Act and Regional Development Roadmap at the locations in Table 1. The roundtables were arranged by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, with a cross section of regional stakeholders from industry, local government, the private sector and not-for-profit organisations invited to attend to ensure a diverse range of feedback was provided on the review of Act.

**Table 1 Regional NSW Roundtables**



\*Hosted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

# Consultation Participation

## Location of respondents by region:

23.7%

Hunter New England

22.4%

Western NSW

13.8%

North Coast

10.3%

Sydney Metropolitan

6.5%

Illawarra Shoalhaven

6.5%

Riverina Murray

4.3%

Newcastle

3.0%

Central Coast

0.9%

Interstate

8.6%

Not specified

## Have Your Say

232

Total submissions



Of the total submissions, respondents were:



47%

female

45%

male

8%

did not provide a response or preferred not to say.

4%

Approximately 4% of respondents were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



# Consultation Outcomes

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An overview of responses to the questions set out in the Regional Development Act 2004 Review Issues Paper are provided below.

## The Act's objectives

**Question 1. Are there any other matters that should be included in the objectives of the Regional Development Act?**

**Question 2. Are there any objectives currently in the Act that are no longer relevant to regional NSW and should be changed or removed?**

A significant proportion of the responses indicated the objectives are largely relevant for regional NSW but where submissions recommended changes to the objectives a number of themes emerged.

### Theme: Modernising the purpose and language

#### Summary of Feedback:

To address contemporary issues for regional NSW, the objectives of the Act should be broader than facilitating action for economic purposes and should encompass economic, social and environmental outcomes.

The wording of the Object should be more strategic, aspirational and address current regional priorities, as reflected in the themes below.

#### Quotes:

*"The objects should reflect the issues and aspirations of contemporary regional communities." Riverina Murray, 2650*

*Casino Roundtable - There needs to be a stronger statement of ambition. Accessibility and sustainability need to be reflected in the Act.*

*"The objectives of the Regional Development Act should demonstrate a contemporary and future focused framework that supports regional growth and supports robust and sustainable diverse economies." Illawarra South Coast, 2533*

### Theme: Equitable access to essential services and infrastructure

#### Summary of Feedback:

Regional communities need equitable access to essential services and infrastructure. Frequently cited priorities included education and health services, childcare, quality water supply, transportation, housing, communications connectivity and community facilities.

#### Quotes:

*"Providing equal access to quality essential services." Hunter New England, 2360*

*Narrabri Roundtable - The community needs basic services to improve liveability.*

*"Future investment of public funds in regional NSW should be contingent upon, or at least closely linked with, the provision of adequate, affordable housing for all." Central West, 2800*

*"There needs to be particular emphasis on infrastructure for regional NSW, including roads, public transport and health services." Central West, 2790*





From top: Narrabri, Darling River, Bourke

## Theme: Resilience and sustainability

### Summary of Feedback:

It is important that regional communities are liveable and inclusive.

Stated priorities included:

- resilience to natural disasters
- resilience to economic and social change
- environmental sustainability, encompassing environmental protection, sustainable development and land use, waste reduction and uptake of renewable energy
- the ability to attract and retain residents.

### Quotes:

*“All matters should be informed by a consideration of climate change, what impacts it will have...and what adaptation measures need to be put in place.” North Coast, 2480*

*Bega Roundtable - The Object should include the word ‘sustainable’... while growth is good, it needs to be sustainable.*

*Broken Hill Roundtable - Liveability needs to be embedded in the current objects of the Act as the overarching statement.*

## Theme: Industry and jobs

### Summary of Feedback:

Support for regional industries is important to ensure skilled jobs are available and regional communities are sustainable. Action should be focused on enabling industry to succeed, encompassing both established, engine industries and emerging industries that will improve the diversification and resilience of regional economies.

Attracting and retaining skilled and essential workers is a critical issue for regional communities, which is impacted by the availability of essential services and infrastructure, such as childcare and housing.

### Quotes:

*Maitland Roundtable - The objectives should reflect the development of sustainable industries that don’t require government assistance... government action should focus on removing roadblocks.*

*Orange Roundtable - The first principle of developing a region is to ensure its appeal to investors and the workforce.*

*Bourke Roundtable - A lack of childcare and housing also impacts on the ability to attract and recruit professional skilled health staff, including GPs.*



## Theme: A place-based focus

### Summary of Feedback:

The Object should enable a place-based approach to appropriately address the needs and opportunities in each region.

The importance of supporting cross-border communities and areas impacted by mining and the establishment of renewable energy infrastructure were particularly noted.

### Quotes:

*Casino Roundtable - The goal should be to unlock the potential of each region based on its specialisations.*

*Bega Roundtable - Ensure action is focussed on the highest priority issues and is targeted to address different situations in different places.*

## Theme: Whole of government coordination

### Summary of Feedback:

A perceived lack of coordination and siloed approach impacts the effectiveness of government action and investment. A whole-of-government approach to addressing regional issues could result in improved outcomes.

### Quotes:

*Bega Roundtable - There needs to be a whole-of-government approach to funding.*

*Maitland Roundtable - There is a need to...achieve better overarching coordination, for example, bringing all NSW Government departments together to ensure they don't duplicate effort and/or work at cross-purposes.*

*Bourke Roundtable - It is important for action to be coordinated and for Councils and the community to work closely with government.*

## Financial assistance and compensation

### Q3. What else should the Government consider when making investment decisions to support regional communities and industries?

### Q4. What factors should drive investment in each region?

Many responses to Question 3 and Question 4 reinforced the importance of the themes identified for expansion and amendment of the Object of the Act as critical considerations which should be taken into account when making investment decisions. Feedback also indicated that the Trust should have well defined investment priorities, to ensure the impact of the funds available for investment is targeted and impactful rather than diluted and ad-hoc.

The following additional themes regarding considerations and factors which should drive government investment also emerged:

### Theme: Place- and needs-based analysis

#### Summary of Feedback:

Communities would like investment decisions to reflect regional priorities and consider economic and social outcomes. Reviewing evidence and undertaking community consultation will support establishing place-based priorities.

The opportunity to use existing information to support evidence-based decision making was particularly noted, including the NSW Government Regional Economic Development Strategies, Council plans and information from Regional Development Australia.

#### Quotes:

*Casino Roundtable - Each region and sector should be looked at uniquely rather than trying to reduce it to fit within a funding algorithm. The Trust should try to move away from current investment models to something more holistic.*

*Coffs Harbour Roundtable - Community and social connection are so much more important in the regions, and the concept of liveability.*

### Theme: Capacity building

#### Summary of Feedback:

Investment should facilitate longer-term outcomes for funding recipients. Capability and capacity building are important to making regional organisations and communities sustainable and this takes time.

#### Quotes:

*Wagga Wagga Roundtable - There are a lot of expectations on Aboriginal businesses at the moment and they need support to build capacity.*

*Bega Roundtable - Sustainability of funding brings increased capability.*

*Coffs Harbor Roundtable - Aim to empower communities, meaning, development of community capacity as part of the outcomes of the investment.*





## Theme: Environmental sustainability

### Summary of Feedback:

Government should take a lead role in ensuring environmental impact and environmental sustainability are considered when making investment decisions.

### Quotes:

*“The environment needs to be viewed as an investment in a resource... the government must assume stewardship of the environment.”*  
North Coast, 2483

*Bourke Roundtable - The environment needs to be valued and cared for.*

## Theme: Economic diversity

### Summary of Feedback:

Established industries, emerging industries and small businesses are all important to ensuring a range of employment opportunities are available in regional NSW. The availability of an appropriate mix of sustainable industries and jobs should be a key consideration for government when evaluating industry investments.

### Quotes:

*“Regional communities should have the same opportunities and access to services as city communities.”* South East, 2787

*Bega Roundtable - Small-scale businesses and employers (are prevalent) in the region, where nature is an important drawcard and underpins the tourism industry...government support shouldn't just focus on large-scale businesses or industries.*

*“Helping set up long term projects and industries that provide some job stability.”* Western NSW, 2880

### Q5. What are the most important areas to you for investment over the next 1-2 years?

(Rank in order from highest to lowest priority)

Responses to this question have been collated to determine the overall highest to lowest order of priority for investment:

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1. Local and regional infrastructure
  2. Improving community services
  3. Growth of new industries
  4. Supporting regional supply chains
  5. Sustainable food and fibre industries
  6. Aboriginal business and partnerships
  7. Capacity building in local government

### Q6. Are there any other areas you would like to see investment in over the next 1-2 years that weren't mentioned in the previous question?

Responses raised a number of specific areas for investment within the priorities included in Question 5, for example, transport and communications infrastructure (Local and regional infrastructure) and health and education services (Improving community services).

Additional areas for investment identified which were not otherwise captured under the categories listed in Question 5 included:

- Providing support for other industries, the most frequently mentioned being tourism and manufacturing
- Environmental sustainability, encompassing support for community adaptation to climate change and the transition to renewable energy
- Housing, particularly enabling infrastructure to support housing development
- Adoption of technology to support productivity improvements and to improve community outcomes
- Skills and training to support workforce development, and
- Maintenance of community infrastructure.

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**Q7. How can government, through the Trust, help encourage and support investment from other sources (including outside government) to maximise outcomes for regional communities?**

The following themes emerged from responses to Question 7:

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**Theme: Community consultation and engagement**

**Summary of Feedback:**

Communities should be consulted and involved in government decisions which impact their region.

Feedback also indicated interest in funding for social enterprise and community-led initiatives.

**Quotes:**

*“The government should design a process for community to be educated about, engage and have a stake in the work of the Trust.” North Coast, 2480*

**Theme: Infrastructure investment, including housing investment**

**Summary of Feedback:**

Ensuring appropriate access to community and transport infrastructure, housing and enabling infrastructure for industry will create the environment for investment from other sources.

**Quotes:**

*“Improve road networks to ensure any industry looking at establishing themselves in regional areas are not discouraged by poor unmaintained infrastructure.” Western NSW, 2731*

*“Ensure affordable housing is available.” Western NSW, 2830*

**Theme: Financial incentives**

**Summary of Feedback:**

The Trust could provide financial incentives for targeted purposes, such as encouraging businesses or people to relocate to regional areas or to support the establishment of new industries.

**Quotes:**

*“Promoting reduced cost rentals for organisations to relocate to regional areas, financial support for start-up businesses, and financial and other supports for businesses who are already there but having problems.” Hunter New England, 2323*



## Theme: Partnerships

### Summary of Feedback:

The Trust could facilitate joint investment in regional priorities through partnerships with other levels of government or industry.

### Quotes:

*“Leverage private equity with Trust underwriting to nurture the establishment of numerous micro enterprises in tiny towns. This will fund new business and industry that don’t exist currently.” Hunter New England, 2390*

*Narrabri Roundtable – There needs to be a consideration of how private funding and public funding can be used together.*

## Theme: Whole-of-government coordination

### Summary of Feedback:

Improve the environment for investment in regional communities by increasing coordination within the NSW Government and between levels of government.

Decreasing the complexity of government processes and red tape will help facilitate third party investment.

### Quotes:

*“Reduce red tape, particularly in NSW planning system.” North Coast, 2447*

*“Grant funding applications and/or supports across all applications use the same guidelines and reporting lines and portals for ease of use by community groups.” Hunter New England, 2340*

## Regional Development Trust Fund

### Q8. Should investment through the Trust allow for a range of approaches to support regional communities (e.g., joint partnerships, funding agreements, service delivery)?

The following themes emerged from responses to Question 8:

#### Theme: Flexibility and transparency in investment approaches

##### Summary of Feedback:

There was strong support for the Trust having scope to implement a range of investment approaches, with responses recognising that a variety of mechanisms are needed to allow investments to be tailored to meet particular opportunities and needs within regional communities.

Models referenced included direct funding, subsidies and incentives and partnership investment, particularly to facilitate a coordinated approach to investment by different levels of government. Additionally building on private sector and philanthropic investment should also be considered.

A significant number of responses noted the importance of investment approaches used by the Trust being implemented transparently and without bias.

##### Quotes:

*“Yes (a range of approaches should be used), with governance, transparency and due diligence to avoid conflict of interest and ensure viability of any arrangements.” Riverina Murray, 2731*

*“There needs to be flexibility, for some objectives there will be a range of potential funding sources – there will need to be capacity for the Trust to say if the outcome is within the scope of the Trust, then the way in which it is funded can be adapted.” Western NSW, 2672*

#### Theme: Sustainability of funding

##### Summary of Feedback:

Feedback identified limitations of the grant funding model, such as an inability to provide funding certainty over time, support capacity development within regional organisations and foster regional collaboration, however significant support was also expressed for previous NSW Government grant programs. Overall, it was acknowledged that grant funding may be an appropriate investment approach for the Trust to deploy in some circumstances. Where investment is made via grants, feedback indicated programs should be:

- simple, with sufficient time in which to apply and deliver the grant-funded project, and
- equitable, considering the differing levels of need, capacity and capability across regional NSW.

##### Quotes:

*Bega Roundtable – Organisations cannot survive on grants and need ongoing funding to operate.*



### Q9. What are some of the key outcomes that would help track the benefits of investment decisions over time?

The following themes emerged from responses to Question 9:

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#### Theme: Community satisfaction

##### Summary of Feedback:

Feedback from communities which have received investment is an important part of tracking the benefits of investment over time.

##### Quotes:

*"Local feedback forums." Western NSW, 2787*

*"Ongoing community approval." North Coast, 2485*

#### Theme: Economic performance, employment and participation

##### Summary of Feedback:

The benefits of investment could be measured by increased economic activity, increased jobs and participation and increased industry and business diversity.

##### Quotes:

*"Jobs created. Tourist numbers, spend and overnight stays. New industries attracted, including new job numbers." Hunter New England, 2372*

#### Theme: Improved service provision and liveability indicators

##### Summary of Feedback:

Liveability indicators could assist to assess the benefits of investment, such as improvements in delivery of essential services and improvements in the availability of community infrastructure. Maintaining and increasing regional populations was also identified as relevant to assessing the benefits of investment.

##### Quotes:

*"Permanent resident numbers increasing. Wait times for allied health services decreasing." North Coast, 2540*

*"Improvement in social amenity." Hunter New England, 2323*

## Regional Development Advisory Council

### Q10. Are there any other skills/expertise that Advisory Council members should have to effectively guide investment in regional NSW?

The following themes emerged from responses to Question 10:

#### Theme: Additional relevant skills could be included in the Act and Regulation

##### Summary of Feedback:

Other beneficial skills and expertise for Advisory Council members include broader industry experience, the education sector, small business, housing development and local government. It is important that Advisory Council members have direct experience of living and working in regional areas.

##### Quotes:

*“Practical experience in business start-up, business and service management and good track-record in handling money and projects responsibly.” Hunter New England, 2372*

*Maitland Roundtable – Education sector experience is a gap in the targeted skills for Advisory Council members.*

*Orange Roundtable – They must have regional experience to ensure decisions have regional insight and to ensure credibility.*

#### Theme: Diversity

##### Summary of Feedback:

Membership of the Advisory Council should reflect the diversity of regional communities and include women, young people, people from ethnically diverse backgrounds and people from diverse regional locations.

##### Quotes:

*Bourke Roundtable – There should be gender balance on the Advisory Council.*

*Wagga Wagga Roundtable – Having a youth representative on the Council would be innovative and increase the representative nature of the group of members.*

#### Theme: Other

##### Summary of Feedback:

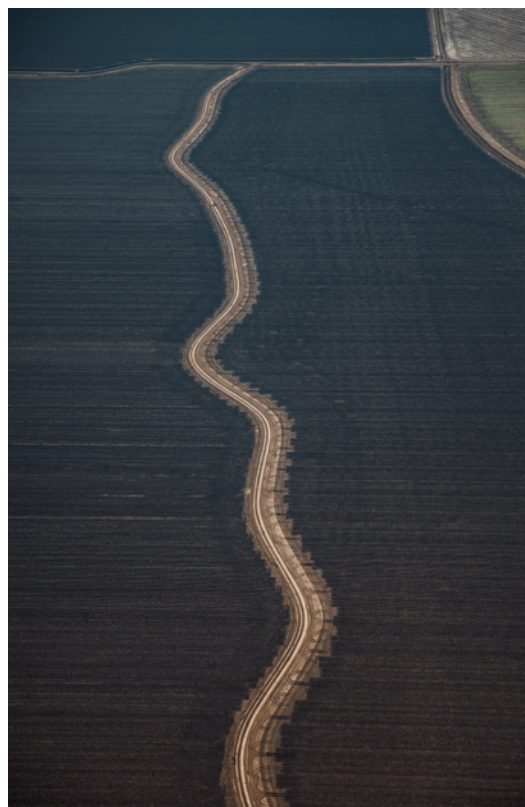
Some responses suggested that the current model of 5-7 members should be expanded to facilitate improved representation across regional NSW and that there be increased Aboriginal representation on the Advisory Council. It was also suggested that each region across NSW should be represented on the Advisory Council.



## Q11. How can the Advisory Council help build the resilience, capacity and long-term sustainability of communities and industry?

The following themes emerged from responses to Q11:

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### Theme: Consult with regional communities

#### Summary of Feedback:

Advisory Council members should undertake consultation and engagement with regional communities to understand the needs in different locations.

#### Quotes:

*"This will be built/developed/enhanced if communities are brought into the conversation, are informed and feel involved."* North Coast, 2480

*Wagga Wagga Roundtable - Community consultation will be an important function of the Advisory Council, to keep the community informed and to pass feedback from the community on to Government.*

### Theme: Provide regional insights to inform government decision making

#### Summary of Feedback:

The expertise of Advisory Council members and insights gained from community consultation should be used to provide informed advice to government about regional issues. The Advisory Council should act as a key conduit between government and regional communities.

#### Quotes:

*"Provide local knowledge and be a voice for the community."* North Coast, 2480

*"Increased linkages with universities, other education providers, Federal, State and Local governments and greater connections with community organisations."* North Coast, 2439

### Theme: Support planning and delivery

#### Summary of Feedback:

The Advisory Council should facilitate linkages and coordination between government agencies, regional institutions and industry to support regional planning and delivery.

The Advisory Council should support regional institutions to develop the capacity to deliver effectively for their communities.



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## Q12. Do you have any further suggestions for how the NSW Government can effectively respond to regional issues as part of this work?

The following themes emerged from responses to Q12:

### Quotes:

*“Work with the industry and government to... clear the paths for growth.” Newcastle, 2287*

*“Ensure the infrastructure (water, housing, power, services etc.) are adequate to sustain further investment especially if it drives population growth.” Western NSW, 2800*

*“Training, establishing milestones, mentoring and ongoing engagement.” Hunter New England, 2319*

### Theme: Other

#### Summary of Feedback:

The Advisory Council can play a role in evaluating the impact of investment and being accountable for responsible, effective government investment in the regions.

### Quotes:

*“By making sure all funds are spent wisely.” Hunter New England, 2372*

*Bourke Roundtable - The role of the Council should include evaluation of government investment in regional communities.*

### Theme: Transparency and reporting

#### Summary of Feedback:

There was strong support for ensuring Trust funds are invested transparently, evaluating the outcomes of investment and reporting back to the community.

### Quotes:

*“Genuine, independent evaluation of projects.” Hunter New England, 2340*

*“Benefits realisation tracking should be done and subject to public scrutiny.” North Coast, 2478*



## Next steps

Required amendments to the Act will be considered by NSW Government and are anticipated to be introduced to parliament in the second half of 2024.

Updates on the process and timing will be available at [nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopment](https://nsw.gov.au/regionaldevelopment)

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