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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Skills for Jobs in Regions Boost**

The *Skills for Jobs in Regions* program will be boosted by \$5 million - \$20 million as announced by Minister Portolesi on 23 January 2014.

An additional \$1.67million per year for three years will assist in funding 24 new projects and 6000 people find employment. This funding includes \$177,500 for the following projects for the Far North region:

- Dieri Aboriginal Group - Land Management
- Construction and Heavy Industry Pathways
- Pika Wiya – Aboriginal Health Worker projects

Claire Wiseman, Chief Executive Officer at RDA Far North says that the extra funding will assist regional people find a better pathway to employment.

“Participants will be invited to participate in projects if they are seeking work in those areas and the projects will provide them with the practical skills, mentoring, and training that will meet the needs of local employers. *Skills for Jobs in Regions* has had input from local employers and stakeholders in order to ensure that the benefits are for local people, which is important in any region.”

“If people are interested in participating they can call 1800 506 266 or email [skillsforall@sa.gov.au](mailto:skillsforall@sa.gov.au), or they can contact Bronwyn Baker, Training and Skills Development Officer at RDA Far North on telephone 8641 1444 or email [tsdo@rdafn.com.au](mailto:tsdo@rdafn.com.au).” Ms Wiseman said.

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