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### FAR NORTH SA WINS WITH THE STATE BUDGET

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North has welcomed the State Budget for 2018-2019 as released by Treasurer Rob Lucas today.

Mr Mark Sutton, Chair RDA Far North, said that the budget will bring some minor and major windfalls for the Far North SA region.

“RDA Far North understands, through production of our Economic Growth and Investment Strategies, that dollars invested in key areas such as road and communications infrastructure lead to a more robust economy for regions.”

“It is promising to see the State Government commit \$773m over five years into regional areas with a focus on employment, building the economy, workforce and education investment, infrastructure, health systems and support and safer and better serviced communities. This long term commitment shows that the State Government realises the importance of regions to the overall State and National economy.”

The major winners in the Far North region of SA are business and infrastructure development and support programs such as the Regional Growth Fund and the Mobile Phone Black Spot Fund, continued support for the Regional Showcase initiative which highlights successful and innovative regional businesses, remediation of Bird Lake in Port Augusta, permanent dialysis on the APY lands and the completion of the detailed planning works for the Joy Baluch AM Bridge duplication project.

“In addition to the support for Regional Development Australia committees, funding for the above initiatives and projects shows a strong commitment by State Government to not only our region, but to the whole of regional SA. Regional areas provide the electricity to power cities and urban areas, it’s where the food is grown and sourced and it’s where the greatest wealth comes from in terms of major industries such as mining, therefore it’s a positive move to have this value formally recognised and supported” said Mr Sutton.

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