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EMBRACING THE FUTURE & SETTING THE AGENDA

Delegates from the across Australia will participate in a Regional Australia Summit in Kalgoorlie Boulder on 29 October 2009 to consider the future agenda for regional Australia and propose actions for sustainable growth going in to the next decade.

Existing policy frameworks everywhere are coming under increasing pressure. Significant ground shifts are being brought about by factors such as the economic downturn arising from the global financial crisis, climate change and the impacts of the looming carbon pollution reduction scheme, growth in green industries and restructuring in response to energy and oil availability, food and water security.

“The aim of the *Regional Australia Summit* is to develop an agenda that leads to actions for a robust regional Australia over the next ten years.” said Ms Kate Charters, Convenor of the Summit.

Australia's leading regional development practitioners, researchers and key decision makers will develop a framework which will be a springboard for future policies and investment priorities across Australia.

"It is a significant opportunity to contribute to the future directions for the region and set the vision for regional Australia in the next ten years." said Ms Charters.

"The Regional Australia Summit will be a platform for the discussion of strategic directions, to share ideas, exchange views and create defined outcomes to advance the future of regional Australia in both policy and practice," said Ms Charters.

Core areas for consideration, by the delegates, will include:

- Governance : connectivity and regional empowerment
- Industry in partnership with the community
- Indigenous economic development
- Environment: climate change implications and regional self-sufficiency.

Dr Ted Christie, barrister and mediator, Queensland Bar, and an environmental scientist, will facilitate the ***Regional Australia Summit*** bringing his skills and expertise in assessing, managing and resolving conflicts over environmental issues, Indigenous land rights and protected area management.

Further information on the Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) conference or Regional Australia Summit is available at **** or by contacting Kate Charters on 07 3210 0021.

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