
Department of Primary Industries
and Regional Development



Regional Economic Development

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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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What We Do



The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is dedicated to growing our primary industries and supporting regional economic development to deliver long term benefits to regional NSW, and our state.

Government Priorities

- Regional Development Trust Fund
- Aboriginal Partnerships
- Net Zero
- Domestic Manufacturing



Regional Economic Development



Department Changes

- DRNSW - Department Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)
- Economic Development sits within Regional Development and Delivery
- Co-ordination moved to Premiers
- Merging of ORED and RD teams - Regional Economic Development

DPIRD aims to work together to

- build stronger primary industries
- drive regional investment and economic development
- oversee productive and sustainable land use and natural resources
- deliver regional infrastructure and grant programs
- help strengthen social cohesion.

Regional Development Framework in development

- 5 draft pillars



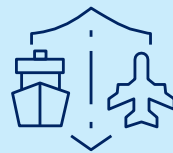
Ongoing EDM Engagement



- Identify grant opportunities in relevant industry sectors (Defence, Energy, Health, Tourism, Viticulture)
- Facilitate investment attraction to embed domestic/international organisations in the Hunter
- Support/facilitate regional forums to drive new investment to the Hunter including innovation development and adoption e.g. Health Innovation Taskforce
- Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to advance region specific initiatives eg Clinical Trials in the Hunter
- Visiting delegation support - Japan, Austria, Denmark



Clean Energy



Defence



Health

Our Dedicated Team



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