

REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA CABINET COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Membership	
Minister for Employment	Hon Kyam Maher
Treasurer Minister for State Development Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy	Hon Tom Koutsantonis
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister for Tourism Minister for Forests	Hon Leon Bignell (Deputy Chair)
Minister for Regional Development Minister for Local Government	Hon Geoff Brock (Chair)
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure	Hon Stephen Mullighan

Objectives

The Regional South Australia Cabinet Committee is driven by the public value proposition that:

If we provide greater opportunities for regional communities to interact and engage with government, then this will ensure the views of regional South Australians are fully considered in government decision-making. This will in turn improve the coordination of government programs and funding arrangements for regional South Australia, and deliver on the commitment to govern for all South Australians.

The Regional South Australia Cabinet Committee will drive implementation of the *Charter for Stronger Regional Policy*, which recognises the importance of regional South Australia through giving regional communities – including young regional South Australians – more opportunities to discuss their views directly with decision-makers, and providing greater accountability and transparency on funding for regional South Australia.

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The Cabinet Committee will meet its objectives by:

- Having lead responsibility for overseeing the portfolio deliverables in the agreements with the Independent Member for Frome to support stable and effective government;
- Coordinating, reviewing and advising Cabinet on strategies to promote regional development within the State;
- Providing strategic advice about the distribution of funds from the State Government Regional Development Fund;
- Ensuring that the government meets its election commitments within regional South Australia;
- Developing the Regional Budget paper to allow communities to clearly identify the funding provided to regional South Australia;
- Making recommendations on strategic measures related to regional development through the annual budget process;
- Ensuring that the development and implementation of the Government's regional development strategies are effectively co-ordinated across portfolios and agencies whilst delivering on the commitments of the Government;

- Identifying priority areas for influencing funding under the Commonwealth Government's National Stronger Regions Fund and other Commonwealth funding programs available to regional areas;
- Streamlining the Cabinet agenda by considering proposals and initiatives which assist to implement the objectives of the Committee and approving these, except where proposals have a significant public impact, are controversial, or have a budget impact, and should therefore be considered either by full Cabinet or the Budget and Performance Cabinet Committee;
- Considering and approving submissions to inquiries led by Regions SA; and
- Considering any other related matters referred to it by Cabinet.

Operational matters

Meetings

The Cabinet Committee will meet at least six times per annum, or more frequently at the discretion of the Chair.

Attendance

The Chair and Deputy Chair have the discretion to invite any minister, departmental officer or external stakeholder to attend a meeting to assist the Committee meet its objectives. This may occur on an ad hoc or regular basis.

The following will receive a standing invitation for them, or their proxy, to participate in ordinary meetings:

- The Chief Executives of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Treasury and Finance, Department of Primary Industries and Regions, Department of State Development, and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; and
- The Chiefs of Staff of the Premier and Minister for Regional Development.

Other attendees will be invited as required.

Approach

The Cabinet Committee will report to Cabinet by submitting minutes and relevant papers of each meeting for noting.

Secretariat

The secretariat function supporting the Cabinet Committee will be provided by Cabinet Office in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Departments will be expected to provide administrative support to enable the Cabinet Committee to fully consider the issues brought before it. Regions SA will support the Minister for Regional Development in this process.

Templates

Proposals for consideration by the Cabinet Committee must use the following templates:

- Cabinet Submission template – *where approval or endorsement is required;*
- Cabinet Note template – *for noting information; and*
- Strategic Discussion template – *for items which require more in-depth consideration or discussion.*