



An Australian Government Initiative



## **Regional Development Australia Hunter**

# Application

RDA Hunter Deputy Chair

**Applications close: 5pm Monday 20 February 2023**

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**Complete and submit all forms before 5pm Monday 20 February 2023**

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Agreement of the Minister with responsibility for the Regional Development Australia initiative within the Australian Government is required for the appointment of Deputy Chair.

## Position Description

### Senior RDA Appointments

- The **Chair** of the Committee – a volunteer position responsible for leading the Committee. The Chair has overall responsibility for setting strategic direction and ensuring that objectives and outcomes are achieved. They will have an active role in facilitating economic development opportunities for the region. The Chair also has overall responsibility for ensuring the RDA Committee is well governed. The Chair, on behalf of the RDA Hunter Committee:
  - Appoints the Deputy Chair after agreement is provided from the Minister and
  - Appoints members directly without seeking agreement from the Minister
- The **Deputy Chair** is a volunteer position which provides input into strategic direction setting, contributes to reviewing progress in achieving objectives and outcomes, and oversees the effectiveness of governance processes within the Committee. Like the Chair, they also have an active role in facilitating economic development opportunities for their region.

**The role of the Deputy Chair** is to assume the role and duties of the RDA Chair, as defined below, whenever the Chair is not available. The Deputy Chair also plays an important role in supporting the Chair in day-to-day matters and will have similar skills to the Chair.

**The RDA Committee Chair** leads a diverse organisation of individuals working in a complex environment to deliver high value outcomes for the region. The Chair is a recognised regional leader who champions local job creation and regional economic development initiatives.

They network widely across industry sectors and attract and facilitate opportunities and investment in their region. They are very knowledgeable about the economic, social, cultural and environmental opportunities and challenges facing their region; being well connected and a strong advocate for their region and, draws their community together to build and drive economic growth.

The RDA Hunter Chair provides strategic direction and leadership to the RDA Committee and ensures corporate governance arrangements are effectively designed and implemented. They demonstrate strong leadership to the Committee and have a sound understanding of board or committee performance management, including people and organisational management processes.

## Selection Criteria for Deputy Chair

The selection criteria have been derived directly from the skills needs.

1. **Leadership and governance** – A successful applicant will have a very high degree of experience and capability in leading organisations and be able to demonstrate a high degree of knowledge of the governance and performance management principles that apply. They have most likely chaired a board or committee and/or led an organisation and achieved successful and sustainable outcomes in this role(s). They will be very familiar with the types of processes required to manage an organisation, board or committee and have experience leading a group of people in a complex setting.
2. **Delivery focus** – A successful applicant will have had significant experience in actively and substantively contributing to the leadership of high performing organisations that have had success in achieving difficult outcomes within tight deadlines and in a complex environment.
3. **Business acumen** – A successful applicant will have an extensive history of making very good business decisions under pressure and being able to quickly identify and seize business opportunities when they present themselves. They have most likely had a very successful career in business or in a commercially oriented public sector or not-for-profit organisation and will be recognised as a business leader in any of these sectors.
4. **Stakeholder engagement** – The applicant will have been successful in managing a broad range of stakeholders in a complex environment to facilitate the achievement of very successful outcomes. They will have a high degree of experience in managing complex relationships including how to manage conflict between stakeholders.
5. **Representational skills** – A successful applicant will have had extensive experience representing regional, business and/or industry interests in a variety of forums. They are recognised as a business, industry and/or regional leader and are regularly called upon to represent these groups as appropriate. They have a sound understanding of the complexities involved in representing a diverse set of people and views that typically exist within a region, business and/or industry groups and can articulate what is necessary to be successful in such a role.
6. **Commitment to the region** – To be successful, an applicant will be expected to have a deep commitment to the region. They will have significant personal and business networks, be able to clearly articulate the key issues facing the region and how the RDA Committee can broker solutions to these issues. The applicant may live or have lived or have business interests in the region and will be a regional, industry and/or business leader. For standalone capital city RDAs, the applicant should reside in the capital city, and/or have very strong relationships with capital city stakeholders.

Application form

**Application for the position of Deputy Chair of RDA Hunter**

Title *	Choose an item.
Full first name *	
Last name *	
Post nominal (e.g. OAM, AM, AO)	
Date of birth	
Gender	Choose an item.
Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous Australian?	Choose an item.
Do you identify yourself as a person with a disability?	Choose an item.
Were you born in Australia?	Choose an item.
Do you speak a language other than English at home?	Choose an item.
If 'Yes', please state the language(s) other than English spoken at home.	
Current employment status?	Choose an item.
If employed please state:	Position
	Employer
If self-employed please state:	
Business/company name and ABN/ACN number	
<b>Residential address</b>	Street/Road/RMB/RSD
	Suburb/Town
	State
	Postcode
<b>Postal address (if different)</b>	Street/Road/RMB/RSD/PO Box
	Suburb/Town
	State

Postcode	
Home phone	
Business phone	
Mobile phone	
Email *	
LinkedIn profile (if available)	
Which RDA Committee? *	
Are you a current Chair/Deputy Chair/member of an RDA Committee? *	Choose an item.
If 'Yes' name of RDA Committee	
Current Board memberships Name of organisation and position held	
Do you have local government experience?	Choose an item.
If 'Yes' please state whether as an elected representative or a local government employee	Choose an item.
Name of local government	
How did you find out about applying for an RDA Committee? <i>(You may select more than one)</i>	Choose an item.
<p><b>PLEASE PROVIDE A STATEMENT ADDRESSING YOUR CLAIMS AGAINST EACH OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA</b></p> <p><b>(IN THE SECTION BELOW, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADHERE TO THE SPECIFIED LIMIT OF 250 WORDS PER CRITERIA. EXTRA TEXT BEYOND THIS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED)</b></p>	
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**REFEREES** *Details for two referees are required.*

<b>Referee 1:</b>	Name *	
	Relationship to applicant *	
	Phone *	
	Email	
	Has a written report been included? *	Choose an item.

<b>Referee 2:</b>	Name *	
	Relationship to applicant *	
	Phone *	
	Email	
	Has a written report been included? *	Choose an item.

\* Denotes that this question is mandatory.

**Privacy notice**

RDA Hunter collects information on the RDA Deputy Chair application form for the purposes of processing applications to join the RDA Hunter Board.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) and individual RDA Committees are likely to disclose personal information to relevant Ministers, state and/or territory departments and, in some cases, relevant local government associations for the purpose of considering applications to an RDA Committee. The Department and RDA Committees do not routinely disclose personal information to overseas recipients. If you do not provide the information requested, your application may not be able to proceed.

The Department's on-line [privacy policy](#) contains information regarding complaint handling processes and how to access and/or seek correction of personal information held by the Department. The [Privacy Officer](#) can be contacted on (02) 6274 6495.

Please note that all personal information will be handled by RDA Hunter in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Details available on our website at [www.rdahunter.org.au](http://www.rdahunter.org.au)

## Consent and Declaration form

**CONSENT and DECLARATION\*** responses to all items on this page are mandatory

<i>Please click in the box to indicate your consent or otherwise, to the following items. Where you do not consent, please provide reasons in the comment box below</i>		<b>I consent</b>	<b>I do not consent</b>
A	I consent to RDA Hunter providing my name or content of this form to the relevant ministers, state or territory departments, and the relevant Local Government Associations or their representative for the purpose of considering my application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	I consent to RDA Hunter or its agent seeking further information relating to my good character as outlined in the <a href="#">RDA Code of Conduct and Ethics</a> , including, but not limited to, collecting information relating to (i) to (vi) below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i)	my financial circumstances including whether I currently am, or ever have been, bankrupt;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii)	criminal proceedings that I may be or have been the subject of;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii)	any current or past convictions for a criminal or civil offence against me except in relation to a conviction that is spent under Part VIIC of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> ;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iv)	any inquiries in relation to me by a professional association, corporate regulatory agency or consumer organisation;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(v)	any investigations in relation to me by a Department or Agency of the Commonwealth or a state or territory of Australia;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(vi)	my eligibility to hold a Director's position with an entity regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority or pursuant to the provisions of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> including information in relation to whether I have previously been disqualified from holding such a directorship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Comment on reasons for not consenting to any items:</u></b>			
<b>If appointed to an RDA Committee:</b> <i>Please tick the box to indicate your consent to the following items.</i>			<b>I consent</b> <small>(please click)</small>
C	I consent to the Department and the RDA Committee publishing my name as provided above on their website in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D	I understand that by publishing my name on the Department's and RDA Committee's website, the Department or Committee has no control over its subsequent use and disclosure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E	I consent to the Department and RDA Committee publishing my name as provided above in promotional documents including brochures produced by the Department or state and territory government agencies responsible for regional development in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
F	I consent to the Department and the RDA Committee sharing my name and contact details as provided above with other Australian Government, state and territory government agencies, relevant Local Government Associations and other relevant Regional Development Australia Committee members in the context of my role on the RDA Committee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G	I agree to abide by the <a href="#">RDA Code of Conduct and Ethics</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	
H	I certify that all of the above information provided by me in this form is true and correct.	<input type="checkbox"/> I certify	
<b>Signature (by email or scanned):</b>		Date: / /	

**Note:** Submitting this form from your email address will be taken as your 'electronic' signature OR you may also include a scanned signature.



## PID – Private Interest Declaration form

**PRIVATE INTERESTS DECLARATION** \* responses to all items on this page are mandatory

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>RDA COMMITTEE</b>	

Please answer the following questions by ticking the reply that applies to your personal circumstances.

**If you answer 'yes' to any question, please provide details on the blank page after this form. Please note that answering 'yes' to any question does not necessarily preclude you from being appointed.**

Your response will be treated as confidential and will only be used for purposes connected with this proposed appointment. **Note:** Processing of your application will be delayed if details are not provided with this form.

1. Do you have any disclosable criminal convictions, i.e. convictions as an adult that form part of your criminal history other than those protected by the Spent Convictions Scheme (see VIIC of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i> )?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you, or have you been, the respondent or defendant in any civil or criminal court action (including as a company director or other office holder)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. (a) Have you ever been declared bankrupt, entered into a debt agreement under Part IX of the Bankruptcy Act 1996 (the Bankruptcy Act) or entered into a personal insolvency agreement under Part X of the Bankruptcy Act? (b) If you are in a partnership, have any of your partners ever been declared bankrupt, entered into a debt agreement under Part IX of the Bankruptcy Act or entered into a personal insolvency agreement under Part X of the Bankruptcy Act?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Has any business or commercial enterprise for which you, or if applicable your partner(s), have had responsibility ever gone into receivership or a similar scheme or arrangement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. During the last 10 years have you, or if applicable your partner(s), been the subject of a court order in connection with monies owing to another party?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you ever been summonsed or charged concerning non-payment of tax or outstanding tax debts, investigated for tax evasion or defaults, or negotiated with the Australian Taxation Office over outstanding debts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint to a professional body which has been substantiated, or is currently under investigation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have you ever been dismissed from employment because of a discipline or misconduct issue?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you or your immediate family have any financial interest in any company or business, or are you or your immediate family employed or engaged by any company or business, which might have dealings with, or an interest in the decisions of, the office to which you may be appointed? If yes, include advice on the next page on how this conflict of interest would be managed.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are you a lobbyist registered on the Australian Government's Lobbyists Register or the register of a state or territory?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is there any other information which could be relevant to your suitability for the proposed appointment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

## ASSURANCE

I advise that to the best of my knowledge my private, business and financial interests, including taxation affairs, would not conflict with my public duties or otherwise cause embarrassment to myself or to the Government during my term of appointment. I also undertake to advise the responsible Minister and the Chair of RDA Hunter should a situation arise in the future which might cause conflict of interest with my responsibilities under this appointment.

**I declare that the information provided in this Private Interest Declaration statement is true and correct. I am authorised to make this declaration.**

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*[Insert first name] [Insert surname name]*

*[Insert day] [Insert month] [Insert year]*

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