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Obj ID: A5741736
Receipt: 16834945

The Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC
Member of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Ms Centofanti

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development on 31 October 2022 requesting access to the following:

“A copy of all documents (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, meeting agendas, diary entries, placemats, event attendance records and any other correspondence) between the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia and the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (including directly with staff within the office of the Minister for Primary Industries), relating to the Regional Growth Fund.”

Timeframe: 21/03/2022 to 31/10/2022

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located thirty-two documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

Determination 1

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
11	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 25/5/2022 re Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors	3
13a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 24/8/2022 re Opening our Great Outdoors Fund	3

14a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 24/8/2022 re Application to the Regional Growth Fund	3
18a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 20/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund Opening our Great Outdoors	3
20a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 19/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	3

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 1(1)(e) and Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Clause 1(1)(e) states:

“1 – Cabinet documents

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet;”

The information removed would reveal details of matters considered in Cabinet.

The information removed pursuant to Clause 7(1)(c) consists of details relating to unsuccessful applicants.

Clause 7(1)(c) states:

“7 – Documents affecting business affairs

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(c) if it contains matter –

(i) consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person; and

(ii) the disclosure of which –

(A) could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and

(B) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest”

In addressing the public interest test requirement for the Clause 7(1)(c) exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.

- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- Protecting the commercial and business interests of third parties.
- The recent age of the documents and the ongoing relevance of the matters was considered.
- There is an expectation by applicants to regional grant programs that their applications are considered commercial-in-confidence, unless they are successful in being approved for grant funding.
- If third parties cannot be assured of confidentiality by Government with respect to communications relating to their commercially sensitive information, this would have the potential to harm business relationships with Government and hamper future dealings with agencies for the betterment of South Australia.
- Disclosure of this information would be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to Government, as the level of trust in handling such information would be substantially diminished.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The remaining information removed is outside of the scope of your request.

Determination 2

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
8	Departmental Workflow Request dated 10/5/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	1
9	Departmental Workflow Request dated 11/5/2022 re Opening our Great Outdoors Fund	1
18	Departmental Workflow Request dated 6/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	1
22	Email thread dated 2/5/2022 re Parliamentary Briefing Note - Regional Growth Fund	3

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“6 - Documents affecting personal affairs

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).”

The information removed pursuant consists of the names and telephone numbers of staff members and there would be an expectation that their personal information would not be released in this way.

Accordingly, it is considered that disclosure of this information would be an unreasonable intrusion into the privacy rights of the individuals concerned.

Determination 3

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
16	Departmental Workflow Request dated 15/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	1
17	Departmental Workflow Request dated 2/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	1
20	Departmental Workflow Request dated 8/9/2022 re Grant Application – Opening our Great Outdoors	1

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 6(1) and Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information removed pursuant to Clause 6(1) consists of names of staff members of an organisation and there would be an expectation that their personal information would not be released in this way.

Accordingly, it is considered that disclosure of this information would be an unreasonable intrusion into the privacy rights of the individuals concerned.

The information removed pursuant to Clause 7(1)(c) consists of the business and financial affairs of third parties.

Clause 7(1)(c) states:

“7 – Documents affecting business affairs

(1) A document is an exempt document –

(c) if it contains matter –

- (i) consisting of information (other than trade secrets or information referred to in paragraph (b)) concerning the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of any agency or any other person; and***
- (ii) the disclosure of which –***
 - (A) could reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on those affairs or to prejudice the future supply of such information to the Government or to an agency; and***
 - (B) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest”***

In addressing the public interest test requirement for the Clause 7(1)(c) exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- Protecting the commercial and business interests of third parties.
- The recent age of the documents and the ongoing relevance of the matters was considered.
- Disclosure of this information would reveal detail which is considered commercially sensitive to the companies concerned.
- If third parties cannot be assured of confidentiality by Government with respect to communications relating to their commercially sensitive information, this would have the potential to harm business relationships with Government and hamper future dealings with agencies for the betterment of South Australia.
- Disclosure of this information would be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to Government, as the level of trust in handling such information would be substantially diminished.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Determination 4

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 10/8/2022 June 2022 Quarterly Progress Report	3
2	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 10/6/2022 re Payment Authority	5
3	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 5/4/2022 re Payment Authority	5

4	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 27/3/2022 re SAFA Payment Claim	4
9a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 25/5/2022 re Opening our Great Outdoors Fund	2

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information removed consists of the names of organisations, business affairs of third parties, costing and banking details.

In addressing the public interest test requirement for the Clause 7(1)(c) exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- Protecting the commercial and business interests of third parties.
- The recent age of the documents and the ongoing relevance of the matters was considered.
- Disclosure of this information would reveal detail which is considered commercially sensitive to the companies concerned.
- If third parties cannot be assured of confidentiality by Government with respect to communications relating to their commercially sensitive information, this would have the potential to harm business relationships with Government and hamper future dealings with agencies for the betterment of South Australia.
- Disclosure of this information would be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to Government, as the level of trust in handling such information would be substantially diminished.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Determination 5

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in part**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
7	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 3/5/2022 re Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors	16
13	Departmental Workflow Request dated 12/8/2022 re Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors Program	1
14	Departmental Workflow Request dated 11/8/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	1

The information removed from the above documents is pursuant to Clause 6(1) and Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information removed pursuant to Clause 6(1) consists of the name of staff members of organisations. Individuals should be able to correspond with Government without fear that their identities are revealed.

Accordingly, it is considered that disclosure of this information would be an unreasonable intrusion into the privacy rights of the individuals concerned.

In addressing the public interest test requirement for Clause 7(1)(c), I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- Protecting the commercial and business interests of third parties.
- Disclosure of this information would reveal detail which is considered commercially sensitive to the companies concerned.
- The recent age of the documents and the ongoing relevance of the matters was considered.
- A grant applicant does not expect that the assessment details of their application would be released into the public domain.
- The release of this information would compromise the trust that the applicants have with the Office of the Minister and PIRSA in handling such information and potentially deter applicants from seeking funding for future projects for the betterment of regional South Australia.

- Disclosure of this information would be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to Government, as the level of trust in handling such information would be substantially diminished.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Determination 6

I have determined that access to the following documents is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1b	Quarterly Report – Regional Growth Fund Projects 2018-2022	2
5	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 29/4/2022 re Briefing Request	3
6	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 14/8/2022	3
8a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 17/5/2022 re Yorke Peninsula Field Days Committee	3
8b	Email from Executive Director, Industry and Regional Development, PIRSA to Ministerial Liaison Officer, Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 8/6/2022 re evaluation panel's final report – Regional Growth Fund	2
10	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development re Funding Request	3
12	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 21/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	3
15	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 10/8/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	4
16a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 4/10/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	4
17a	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 16/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	3
19	Minute from Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 20/9/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	3
21	Email thread dated 8/6/2022 re Regional Growth Fund	2

Access to the above documents is refused pursuant to Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents reveal the business affairs of third parties.

In addressing the public interest test requirement for this exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- Protecting the commercial and business interests of third parties.
- The recent age of the documents and the ongoing relevance of the matters was considered.
- A grant applicant does not expect that the assessment details of their application would be released into the public domain.
- The release of this information would compromise the trust that the applicants have with the Office of the Minister and PIRSA in handling such information and potentially deter applicants from seeking funding for future projects for the betterment of regional South Australia.
- Disclosure of this information would reveal detail which is considered commercially sensitive to the companies concerned.
- If third parties cannot be assured of confidentiality by Government with respect to communications relating to their commercially sensitive information, this would have the potential to harm business relationships with Government and hamper future dealings with agencies for the betterment of South Australia.
- Disclosure of this information would be expected to prejudice the future supply of information to Government, as the level of trust in handling such information would be substantially diminished.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of these documents would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to exercise your rights of external review with the Ombudsman SA. Alternatively, you can apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). If you wish to seek a review, you must do so within 30 calendar days of receiving this internal review determination.

For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the document to which you are given access, will be published in the disclosure log on the [PIRSA website](#). A copy of PC045 can be found at

http://dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Rachael Colegate on 8226 2931 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

15 / 3 / 2023



Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

Ref: A5553144

For	Noting
Critical Date	Routine
Subject	June 2022 Quarterly Progress Report on the Active Regional Growth Fund Projects 2018 – 2022



Synopsis

A regular quarterly update will be provided to your office on the progress and delivery of the active projects supported through the Regional Growth Fund 2018 – 2022. This briefing provides you with the report for the quarter ending June 2022.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Note the brief and the June 2022 Quarterly Progress Report on the Active Regional Growth Fund Projects 2018 – 2022.

NOTED

Hon Clare Scriven MLC

**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**

Minister for Forest Industries

9/9/2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) over 10 years to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- Grants awarded under the RGF are administered through the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA).

Discussion

- The RGF continues to be supported in the 2022 – 23 State Budget with \$15.0 million per annum allocated to foster economic development in our regions.
- A report has been prepared for the quarter ending June 2022 on the progress and delivery of the active RGF projects 2018 – 2022 (Attachment A). SAFA has provided an update on the Funding Deeds, information on Deed of Variations and milestones, and any other issues relevant to PIRSA. PIRSA's Regional Coordinators have engaged with the project proponents and have also provided an update on how individual projects are progressing. This input has been combined in the "Comments" section of the report.
- Based on current advice, the report details that as of 30 June 2022:
 - a. 24 projects were recorded as on track.
 - b. 12 projects had Funding Deeds that are being negotiated between SAFA and the proponent and/or have not been executed.
 - c. 5 projects were recorded as delayed.
 - d. 3 projects were awaiting further advice from Government before proceeding.
 - e. 2 projects were subject to BBRF Round 6 Outcomes.

Negotiating funding deeds

Clause 7(1)(c)



Delayed projects

Clause 7(1)(c)



Clause 7(1)(c)



Stakeholder / regional impacts, consultation and engagement

- The quarterly timeframe for reporting has addressed grantee concerns, enabling regional businesses to get on with business and has helped to foster positive relationships with PIRSA's Regional Coordinators.

Management of key risks

- PIRSA has negotiated with SAFA to provide dates for project completion 'on-ground'. This information will be included in the September 2022 update.

Attachments

- A. June 2022 Quarterly Progress Report on Active Regional Growth Fund Projects 2018-22.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

10/8/2022

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Cleared by	Executive Director, Industry and Regional Development



Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

A5474649



For **Approval**

Critical Date **14 June 2022**

Subject **Payment authority for invoices from SAFA for the
Regional Growth Fund**

Synopsis

The purpose of this brief is to seek your approval for the payment of two invoices from the Department of Treasury and Finance, South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) reimbursing them for payments made to grant recipients under the Regional Growth Fund (RGF). These invoices are for payments already made by SAFA to proponents for contracted RGF projects with completed milestones. Payment for milestones is in arrears.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive PIRSA to approve payment of invoices from SAFA for \$8,500,000.00 GST exclusive (**Att A**) and \$3,508,740.01 GST exclusive (**Att B**) for reimbursement of RGF milestone payments pursuant to Treasurer's Instruction 8 "Financial Authorisations" (TI 8).

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

C.M. Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development

21/6/2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

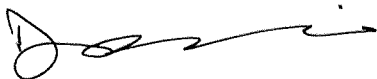
- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) over 10 years to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- Grants awarded under the RGF are administered through the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) under a Service Level Agreement between PIRSA and SAFA dated 2 March 2021.
- RGF grant recipients receive payment from SAFA, following confirmation of completion of funding milestones. Payment is in arrears. SAFA then invoice PIRSA for reimbursement of the payments.

Discussion

- PIRSA has verified the invoices to reimburse SAFA for RGF milestone payments as correct, and payment is recommended. These are provided in Attachment A for an amount of \$8,500,000.00 GST exclusive and Attachment B for an amount of \$3,508,740.01 GST exclusive.
- The two invoices exceed the payment authorisation of up to \$1,500,000 GST inclusive provided to PIRSA by the previous Minister pursuant to Treasurer's Instruction 8 "Financial Authorisations".
- A verbal briefing can be provided if required.

Attachments

- A. Invoice 152 from SAFA for \$8,500,000.00
- B. Invoice 154 from SAFA for \$3,508,740.01



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

10/06/2022

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PREPARED BY	Gloria Ingham



Government of South Australia

Department of Treasury
and Finance

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TAX INVOICE

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) 25 Grenfell Street ADELAIDE SA 5000	Due Date 03/06/2022	Page No Page 1 of 1
Attention Gloria Ingham		Invoice 152
		Issue Date 03/05/2022

DTF INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Description	GST Excl Amount	GST	Total
For funding of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) as per the Mutual Service Level Agreement between SAFA and PIRSA dated 2 March 2021.			
City of Mount Gambier			
Grant Deed dated 21 SEP 2019 – Claim 1 paid 17/03/2022	\$3,500,000.00	Nil	\$3,500,000.00
Grant Deed dated 21 SEP 2019 – Claim 2 paid 17/03/2022	\$3,000,000.00	Nil	\$3,000,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by City of Mount Gambier in relation to the above claim/s:</i> Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))			
Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd			
Grant Deed dated 10 MAY 2021 – Claim 1 paid 02/03/2022	\$1,000,000.00	Nil	\$1,000,000.00
Grant Deed dated 10 MAY 2021 – Claim 2 paid 02/03/2022	\$1,000,000.00	Nil	\$1,000,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd in relation to the above claim/s:</i> Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))			
Payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following account:			
Bank:	Clause 7(1)(c)		
Account Name:	[Redacted]		
BSB:	[Redacted]		
Account Number:	[Redacted]		
GST Excl Total			\$8,500,000.00
GST Total			Nil
Invoice Total			\$8,500,000.00

REMITTANCE ADVICE: If you have any questions regarding this Tax Invoice, please contact:

Commercial Advisory
South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) | ABN 19 040 349 865
State Administration Centre, Level 5, 200 Victoria Square
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Department Name: Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
Fund: Regional Growth Fund (RGF)
Invoice Number: 152
Amount: \$8,500,000.00
Due Date: 03/06/2022



Government of South Australia

Department of Treasury
and Finance

All queries to: Commercial Advisory, South Australian
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TAX INVOICE

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
25 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Due Date 1/07/2022

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Invoice	154
Issue Date	31/05/2022

Attention Gloria Ingham

DTF INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Description	GST Excl Amount	GST	Total
For funding of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) as per the Mutual Service Level Agreement between SAFA and PIRSA dated 2 March 2021.			
Ag Excellence Alliance Incorporated			
Grant Deed dated 22 MAR 2022 – Claim 3 paid 22/04/2022	\$24,300.00	Nil	\$24,300.00
<i>Eligible Expenses N/A under Grant Deed dated 22 MAR 2022 between the Treasurer and Ag Excellence Alliance Incorporated.</i>			
City of Mount Gambier			
Grant Deed dated 21 SEP 2019 – Claim 3 paid 06/04/2022	\$3,000,000.00	Nil	\$3,000,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by City of Mount Gambier in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c)</i> (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))			
Cummins Wanilla Basin Streamcare Group			
Grant Deed dated 10 MAY 2021 – Claim 1 paid 06/04/2022	\$24,440.01	Nil	\$24,440.01
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Cummins Wanilla Basin Streamcare Group in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c)</i> (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))			
Primary Producers SA Incorporated			
Funding Agreement dated 29 OCT 2021 – Claim 2 paid 04/04/2022	\$150,000.00	Nil	\$150,000.00
Funding Agreement dated 29 OCT 2021 – Claim 3 paid 14/04/2022	\$100,000.00	Nil	\$100,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses N/A under Funding Agreement dated 29 OCT 2021 between the Treasurer and Primary Producers SA Incorporated.</i>			



Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

A5306586

For	Approval
Critical Date	15 April 2022
Subject	Payment authority for invoices from SAFA for the Regional Growth Fund



Synopsis

The purpose of this brief is to seek your approval for payment of two invoices from the Department of Treasury and Finance, South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) reimbursing them for payments made to grant recipients under the Regional Growth Fund (RGF). These invoices are for payments already made by SAFA to proponents for contracted RGF projects with completed milestones. Payment for milestones is in arrears.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive PIRSA to approve payment of invoices from SAFA for \$2,216,845 GST exclusive (**Att A**) and \$2,200,714 GST exclusive (**Att B**) for reimbursement of RGF milestone payments pursuant to Treasurer's Instruction 8 "Financial Authorisations" (TI 8).

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Clare Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC

**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**

14 / 4 / 2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) over 10 years to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- Grants awarded under the RGF are administered through the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) under a Service Level Agreement between PIRSA and SAFA dated 2 March 2021.
- RGF grant recipients receive payment from SAFA, following confirmation of completion of funding milestones. Payment is in arrears. SAFA then invoice PIRSA for reimbursement of the payments.

Discussion

- PIRSA has verified the invoices to reimburse SAFA for RGF milestone payments as correct, and payment is recommended. These are provided in Attachment A for an amount of \$2,216,845, and Attachment B for an amount of \$2,200,714 GST.
- The two invoices exceed the payment authorisation of up to \$1.5 million GST inclusive provided to PIRSA by the previous Minister pursuant to Treasurer's Instruction 8 "Financial Authorisations".
- A verbal briefing can be provided if required.

Attachments

- A. Invoice from SAFA for \$2,216,845
- B. Invoice from SAFA for \$2,200,714



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

5/4/2022

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TAX INVOICE

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) 25 Grenfell Street ADELAIDE SA 5000	Due Date	01/04/2022	Page No	Page 1 of 2
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			Issue Date	01/03/2022

Attention Gloria Ingham

DTF INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Description	GST Excl Amount	GST	Total
For funding of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) as per the Mutual Service Level Agreement between SAFA and PIRSA dated 2 March 2021.			
Royal Flying Doctor Services of Australia Central Operations			
Grant Deed dated 27 JUL 2021 – Claim 1 paid 19/11/2021	\$50,000.00	Nil	\$50,000.00
Grant Deed dated 27 JUL 2021 – Claim 2 paid 19/11/2021	\$70,000.00	Nil	\$70,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Royal Flying Doctor Services of Australia Central Operations in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
Sabor Limited			
Grant Deed dated 17 APR 2021 – Claim 1 paid 24/11/2021	\$220,000.00	Nil	\$220,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Sabor Limited in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
District Council of Grant			
Grant Deed dated 11 JUL 2020 – Claim 2 paid 24/11/2021	\$150,000.00	Nil	\$150,000.00
Grant Deed dated 11 JUL 2020 – Claim 3 paid 24/11/2021	\$150,000.00	Nil	\$150,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by District Council of Grant in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
Beston Pure Dairies Pty Ltd			
Grant Deed dated 24 JUN 2021 – Claim 1 paid 26/11/2021	\$300,000.00	Nil	\$300,000.00
Grant Deed dated 24 JUN 2021 – Claim 2 paid 26/11/2021	\$450,000.00	Nil	\$450,000.00
Grant Deed dated 24 JUN 2021 – Claim 4 paid 26/11/2021	\$150,000.00	Nil	\$150,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Beston Pure Dairies Pty Ltd in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
Australian Grain Export Pty Ltd			
Grant Deed dated 24 JUN 2021 – Claim 1 paid 22/12/2021	\$226,845.00	Nil	\$226,845.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Australian Grain Export Pty Ltd in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			



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TAX INVOICE

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
25 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Due Date 01/04/2022

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Primary Producers SA Incorporated
Funding Agreement dated 29 OCT 2021 – Claim 1 paid 24/12/2021 \$250,000.00 Nil \$250,000.00
Eligible Expenses N/A under Funding Agreement dated 29 OCT 2021 between the Treasurer and Primary Producers SA Incorporated.

Yumbah Hatchery Pty Ltd
Grant Deed dated 9 SEPT 2021 – Claim 1 paid 25/01/2022 \$200,000.00 Nil \$200,000.00
Eligible Expenses incurred by Yumbah Hatchery Pty Ltd in relation to the above claim/s: \$410,059.24 (total to date: \$410,059.24)

Payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following account:
Bank: **Commonwealth Bank of Australia**
Account Name: **DTF Industry Financial Assistance Account**
BSB: **065-266**
Account Number: **1000-0223**

GST Excl Total	\$2,216,845.00
GST Total	Nil
Invoice Total	\$2,216,845.00

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Department Name: **Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)**
Fund: **Regional Growth Fund (RGF)**
Invoice Number: **17**
Amount: **\$2,216,845.00**
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Attention	Gloria Ingham		Invoice	150
			Issue Date	24/03/2022

DTF INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Description	GST Excl Amount	GST	Total
For funding of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) as per the Mutual Service Level Agreement between SAFA and PIRSA dated 2 March 2021.			
Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Incorporated			
Grant Deed dated 07 MAR 2020 – Claim 5 paid 04/02/2022	\$850,000.00	Nil	\$850,000.00
Grant Deed dated 07 MAR 2020 – Claim 6 paid 04/02/2022	\$850,000.00	Nil	\$850,000.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Incorporated in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
Royal Flying Doctor Services of Australia Central Operations			
Grant Deed dated 27 JUL 2021 – Claim 3 paid 04/02/2022	\$500,714.00	Nil	\$500,714.00
<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Royal Flying Doctor Services of Australia Central Operations in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c) (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))</i>			
Payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following account:			
Bank:	Clause 7(1)(c)		
Account Name:			
BSB:			
Account Number:			
GST Excl Total			\$2,200,714.00
GST Total			Nil
Invoice Total			\$2,200,714.00

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Department Name: Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
Fund: Regional Growth Fund (RGF)
Invoice Number: 150
Amount: \$2,200,714.00
Due Date: 24/04/2022



Minute to Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Objective ID: A5349022

For	Approval
Critical Date	1 April 2022
Subject	SAFA PAYMENT CLAIM – REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

Synopsis

As part of the Regional Growth Fund grant management arrangements between PIRSA and the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) they make payments to recipients upon completion of milestones as agreed, and then invoice PIRSA to recoup these funds. SAFA have issued a payment claim for the period 1 November 2021 to 31 January 2022 totalling \$2,216,845. This is above the current delegation of the PIRSA Chief Executive and is within your delegation as Minister.

Recommendations

That you:

Approve payment amount for \$2,216,845.00 (GST exclusive) to South Australian Government Financing Authority.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Clare Scriven

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development

9 / 4 / 2022

Ministerial Comments

Background

Funding approved under the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) programs include reimbursable claim payments against prescribed project milestones.

Grant recipients are required to submit an evidence-based progress report that supports their claim for payment against each prescribed project milestones.

The South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) makes payments to recipients upon completion of milestones as agreed. SAFA then invoice PIRSA to recoup these funds.

SAFA will invoice PIRSA on a monthly basis following SAFA's end of the month process. The next invoice will cover February's transactions.

Discussion

This minute refers to a payment claim from SAFA for the period 1 November 2021 to 31 January 2022.

Grant Recipient	Claim number	Eligible expenses total to date	Claim date	Claim amount GST exc.
Royal Flying Doctors – Central Operations	Claim 1 and 2	Clause 7(1)(c)	19/11/2021	\$120,000.00
Sabor Limited	Claim 1	Clause 7(1)(c)	24/11/2021	\$220,000.00
District Council of Grant	Claim 2 and 3	Clause 7(1)(c)	24/11/2021	\$300,000.00
Beston Pure Dairies Pty Ltd	Claim 1,2 and 4	Clause 7(1)(c)	26/11/2021	\$900,000.00
Australian Grain Export Pty Ltd	Claim 1	Clause 7(1)(c)	22/12/2021	\$226,845.00
Primary Producers SA Incorporated	Claim 1	N/A under funding agreement.	24/12/2021	\$250,000.00
Yumbah Hatchery Pty Ltd	Claim 1	Clause 7(1)(c)	25/1/2022	\$200,000.00
				\$2,216,845.00

Your approval is sought for this claim as it is outside the delegation authority for the PIRSA Chief Executive.

Attachments

SAFA Tax Invoice for funding of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF).



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

27/03/2022

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<i>Eligible Expenses incurred by Yumbah Hatchery Pty Ltd in relation to the above claim/s: Clause 7(1)(c)</i> (total to date: Clause 7(1)(c))			
Payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following account: Bank: Clause 7(1)(c) Account Name: Clause 7(1)(c) BSB: Clause 7(1)(c) Account Number: Clause 7(1)(c)			

GST Excl Total	\$2,216,845.00
GST Total	Nil
Invoice Total	\$2,216,845.00

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Department Name: Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA)
Fund: Regional Growth Fund (RGF)
Invoice Number: 17
Amount: \$2,216,845.00
Due Date: 01/042022



Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

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For	Approval
Critical Date	Routine
Subject	Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors and Strategic Pool

Synopsis

Clause 1(1)(e)

Clause 7(1)(c) Due to the number of recommendations, the specific decisions for each pool are provided in Attachments A and B for signing.

Recommendations

That you:

- Note the attached brief.
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- Identify which Opening our Great Outdoors projects approved by the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development should proceed to final contracting in Attachment A.
See notes on Attachment A
APPROVED/NOT APPROVED
- Consider the following three options and approve your preferred option for the Opening our Great Outdoors fund in Attachment A.
APPROVED/NOT APPROVED *See notes.*
- Identify which Strategic pool projects approved by the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development should proceed to final contracting in Attachment B.
APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Clause 1(1)(e)

5. Consider the following three options and approve your preferred option for the Strategic pool of funding in Attachment B.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED


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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
CNS # 19 / 15 / 2022

Ministerial Comments

Background

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**

Discussion

- This financial year \$15 million has been allocated for the RGF, which will support:
 - a \$10 million Opening Our Great Outdoors Pool over two years (\$5 million per annum), 2021 – 22 to 2022 – 23.
 - \$10 million for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to commit to strategic regional growth projects – available year-round for applications;

Opening Our Great Outdoors Pool Projects

- On 30 January 2022, the former government launched the \$10 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) - Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) Pool over two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- The \$10 million Opening our Great Outdoors Pool is available year-round for projects that meet the key principles of the fund and support economic generating regional tourism initiatives. There are two streams available:
 - Stream 1: Regional Tourism projects that enhance investments in nature-based, farm-based, rangelands and fishing-based tourism opportunities, and invest in public infrastructure, that supports and encourages South Australians to travel to regional areas, connect with agriculture and enjoy our regions, parks, rangelands, reservoirs, waterways and marine environment; and
 - Stream 2: Regional Accommodation projects that support and stimulate private sector investment in new or improved regional accommodation supporting quality tourism products and experiences.

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**

Clause 1(1)(e) When launching the fund, the government announced that \$1 million would be awarded to CABN Pty Ltd and \$500,000 to Geoffrey Packer & Co Pty Ltd to develop accommodation projects at the Myponga Reservoir.

Applicant	Commitment (\$M)	Total Project Cost (\$M)
Clause 1(1)(e)		

* Commonwealth Government Building Better Regions Fund

- No projects have executed funding deeds at this stage.

Continuation of the Opening Our Great Outdoors Pool

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**



- There is a need to provide clarity on the future of the OoGO as the Department is still receiving inquiries and applications. Three options have been identified for your consideration.

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**



Opening Our Great Outdoors Pool Projects

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**



Former Government commitments from Strategic pool

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**



- No projects have executed funding deeds at this stage.

Continuation of the Opening Our Great Outdoors Pool

- PIRSA currently has a further four Strategic pool applications under assessment. It would appear at this stage of the assessment process that none of these projects have a strong alignment to the funds criteria.

- There is a need to provide clarity on the future of the RGF Strategic pool as the Department is still receiving inquiries and applications. Three options have been identified for your consideration.

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**



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Management of key risks

• Clause 1(1)(e)

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Attachments

- A. Decision document for the Opening our Great Outdoors projects and OoGO continuation options.
- B. Decision document for the RGF Strategic Pool projects and Strategic Pool continuation options.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

3/5/2022

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A. Decision document for the Opening our Great Outdoors projects and OoGO continuation options.

Decisions

Projects Approved by the former Minister:

Clause 1(1)(e)

It is recommended that you indicate which Opening our Great Outdoors projects approved by the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development should proceed to final contracting.

Applicant	Commitment (\$M)	Continue to contract
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Clause 7(1)(c)

Continuation of the Opening Our Great Outdoors Program

It is recommended that you consider the following three options and approve your preferred option for the Opening our Great Outdoors fund.

Option 1: Proceed with the Opening our Great Outdoors fund under the current guidelines and branding.

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Option 2: Suspend the fund but proceed with assessment of applications received.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Option 3: Terminate the fund and reject the current applications received.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

C. M. Scriver

Hon Clare Scriver MLC

**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**

Minister for Forest Industries

19/5/2022

Ministerial Comments

The projects that are not approved are projects that I want further information on. I will then re-consider.

Project Background

Clause 1(1)(e)

Status
Awaiting contract

The former Minister for Environment and Water requested funding from the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) – Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) for \$1 million towards the CABN Pty Ltd project for twelve luxury cabins at Myponga Reservoir. The eligible project costs of just over Clause 1(1)(e) represents a request of 37% funding from the RGF OoGO, to the NTCF project, consistent with the OoGo guidelines.

Funding was approved for \$1 million to support the projects that was submitted during 2021 under the Department of Environment and Water's (DEW) Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund (NTCF).

CABN Pty Ltd was established by company director, Michael Lamprell, in 2017 to provide self-contained, off-grid eco-friendly designer accommodation cabins in unique locations on private and government owned land. CABN Pty Ltd currently has six cabins across South Australia, and one cabin in the Yarra Valley, Victoria. CABN Pty Ltd has also recently been awarded group preferred tenderer status from the Queensland Government to build 42 eco cabins across 4 locations on the 102km the Cooloola Great Walk eco-tourism trail.

Approval: Minute - eA196540

Clause 1(1)(e)

Status
Awaiting contract

The former Minister for Environment and Water requested funding from the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) – Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) for \$0.5 million towards the Geoffrey Packer & Co Pty Ltd project for accommodation focusing on health and wellness, also at Myponga Reservoir. The eligible project costs of over Clause 1(1)(e) represents a request of 13% funding from the RGF OoGO,

Funding was approved for \$0.5 million to support the project that was submitted during 2021 under the Department of Environment and Water's (DEW) Nature-based Tourism Co-investment Fund (NTCF).

Geoffrey Packer & Co Pty Ltd is a South Australian business that provides home building furnishings and employs over 200 staff throughout its showrooms and manufacturing locations. The Geoffrey Packer & Co Pty Ltd proposes to create a new business entity, Healthism Retreats Pty Ltd (trading as The Lakes Lodges), which will serve as the main

entity for all accommodation offerings for the business group. The Myponga Lakes Lodges project seeks to redefine nature-based luxury accommodation in the Fleurieu Peninsula area by providing a unique and modern concept design that fits within the natural surroundings of Myponga Reservoir. The project will develop 8 lodges capable of accommodating up to 32 people across all lodges and is located within the northern portion of the Reservoir site on ForestrySA Reserve Area.

Approval: Minute - eA196540

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]	Status
	Awaiting contract

The Australian Landscape Trust (ALT) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to improved management of natural resources for the benefit of communities and the environment. ALT's Riverland operations centres around Calperum Station in the Riverland, and in 2019 the Calperum Connect program was developed. The 3 themes of Calperum Connect: Ecology, Education and Engagement integrate each area of operation at Calperum Station, including educational, nature-based and cultural tourism

The project will transform infrastructure at Calperum Station to increase its capacity to supply nature-based educational and cultural tourism operations, attracting interstate and international visitors to the Murraylands and Riverland region.

Facility upgrades include a conference/education centre with a commercial kitchen and 28-person lodge style accommodation on-site.

Funding was approved for \$.665 million, with a total project cost of **Clause 1(1)(e)**. The total ALT investment of **Clause 1(1)(e)** includes the BBRF contribution.

ALT applied under the Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 (**Clause 7(1)(c)**) and the state government commitment is subject to a successful BBRF outcome

Approval: Minute - A5309585

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]	Status
	Awaiting contract

Alexandrina Council is a Local Government Area covering 1,800 square kilometres on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Funding was approved for \$1 million towards a major infrastructure upgrade initiative to create a world-class educational and tourism experience at the culturally and environmentally significant location of the River Murray mouth at Sugars Beach. The upgrades include a cultural tourist hub, boardwalks and viewing platforms, an amphitheatre style area, a nature-play area, a jetty, formalised car park and a dedicated food truck area.

Alexandrina Council applied under the Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 (Clause 1(1)(e)) and the state government commitment is subject to a successful BBRF outcome.

The project was approved by the former Treasurer as Alexandrina Council is in the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development electorate

PIRSA understands that due to considerable concerns raised within the Alexandrina Council community council is reconsidering the scope of the project which could impact both its BBRF application and commitment of funding from the State Government.

Approval: Minute - eA196691

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]	Status
	Awaiting contract

District Council of Yankalilla is an innovative regional local government working with the community, business and industry to grow the economy and promote the region's natural attractions.

The Rapid Bay Tourism Facilities Water Extension project will extend the water supply from the Rapid Bay Camp Ground to the newly constructed World Class Diving Facilities at Rapid Bay Jetty. The water infrastructure will underpin the delivery and operation of facilities that will add to the and in turn support increased visits and nights to the Fleurieu Peninsula. The the project includes, 1km of new pipe infrastructure, 4,500L storage tank, Water treatment plant to achieve onsite potable water and pumps.

Funding was approved for \$63,400, with a total project cost of Clause 1(1)(e)

Approval: Minute - A5315183

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]	Status
	Awaiting contract

South Australian Forestry Corporation (ForestySA) is a business enterprise owned by the Government of South Australia which is responsible for the management of publicly owned plantation forests in South Australia.

The Board is responsible to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development for overseeing the operations of the Corporation with the goal of:

- securing continuing improvements of performance
- encouraging and facilitating regionally based economic activities based on forestry and other industries to protect the long term viability of the Corporation and the Crown's financial interest in the Corporation for the
- benefit of the people and economy of the State.

Funding was approved for \$1.56 million for infrastructure upgrades at: Chookarloo Picnic Area, Ingalalla Falls, Bennett's Forest Reserve and Rocky Creek Picnic Area. Funding was approved at 100% of funding for each project/site as ForestySA do not have the capacity within the Community Service Obligation (CSO) to undertake this additional work.

Approval: Minute - A5318665

B. Decision document for the RGF Strategic Pool projects and Strategic Pool continuation options.

Decisions

Projects Approved by the former Government:

Clause 1(1)(e) [Redacted]

Clause 1(1)(e) [Redacted] A
description of the projects is provided below.

It is recommended that you indicate which RGF - Strategic pool projects approved by the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development should proceed to final contracting.

Applicant	Commitment (\$M)	Continue to contract
Clause 1(1)(c) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	APPROVED/NOT APPROVED
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		APPROVED/NOT APPROVED
		APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Continuation of the RGF - Strategic Pool Program

Consider the following three options and approve your preferred option for the Strategic pool of funding in Attachment B.

Option 1: Proceed with the Strategic pool under the current guidelines and branding.

~~APPROVED / NOT APPROVED~~

Option 2: Suspend the fund but proceed with assessment of applications received.

~~APPROVED / NOT APPROVED~~

Option 3: Terminate the fund and reject the current applications received.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED



 Hon Clare Scriven MLC
 Minister for Primary Industries
 and Regional Development
 Minister for Forest Industries
 19 15 / 2022

Clause 1(1)(e) [Redacted]

Project Background

Clause 1(1)(e)



Status
Awaiting contract

MFMG is a not-for-profit organisation that collaborates to deliver research and drive adoption for the benefit of members, local communities and the broadacre cropping and livestock industries.

The Limestone Coast Mesonet project is for the installation of a network of collectively operated automated weather stations to provide growers with access to real-time detection of hazardous/non-hazardous spray and safe harvest conditions.

The Limestone Coast Mesonet covers an area requiring 43 weather stations and includes the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek wine regions on Adelaide's peri-urban fringe.

Funding was approved for \$2.25 million, with a total project cost of Clause 1(1)(e). A total private investment of Clause 7(1)(c) has been proposed from landowners. No further co-contributions have been identified.

Approval: Minute - eA196364

Clause 1(1)(e)



Status
Awaiting contract

Fleurieu Community Co-op proposes to be South Australia's first paddock-to-place co-operative whose primary activities will be providing abattoir services to the Fleurieu Peninsula community in South Australia, including agricultural producers, restaurants, butchers, and supermarkets.

The Fleurieu Community Co-op state that the innovative abattoir management system will allow South Australian agricultural producers to create premium local and regional beef, lamb and pork products and brands, and earn higher margins on these products.

Funding was approved for \$1.50 million, with a total project cost of Clause 7(1)(c). Evidence of the total private investment of Clause 7(1)(c) had not been provided at the time of approval and would be a condition precedent of any funding deed.

Approval: Minute - A5314844

South Australian Seafood Industry

Project title	Applicant	RGF commitment	Applicant contribution	Status
Support the implementation of the <i>Seafood Growth Strategy for South Australia 2021-31</i>	South Australian Seafood Industry	\$1,000,000	N/A	Awaiting MoAA

In 2020, the Government of South Australia established the Seafood Advisory Forum which brings together the different elements of the seafood industry: recreational fishers, commercial fishers, seafood processors, aquaculture, charter fishers and Aboriginal traditional fishers. The Seafood Advisory Forum was tasked with developing a cohesive vision for the future and growth of the South Australian seafood industry.

The Strategy is committed to growing South Australia's seafood industry to increase the profitability of fishing businesses, grow sustainable fish populations, and improve opportunities for recreational and Aboriginal traditional fishers

Funding was approved for \$1 million over two years (\$500,000 per year to support the implementation of the Strategy in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years.

This may include:

- o \$700,000 to assist with implementing the Strategy
- o \$300,000 co-contribution towards the appointment of a Seafood Industry Executive Officer.

Approval: Minute - A5315198

South Australian Spirit Producers' Association

Project title	Applicant	RGF commitment	Applicant contribution	Status
Funding for 0.5 FTE Executive Officer position to support implementation of Spirits Industry Blueprint	South Australian Spirit Producers' Association	\$200,000	Clause 7(1)(c)	Awaiting contract

The South Australian Spirit Producers' Association (SASPA) was formed in 2018 to represent the SA spirits industry. It aims to promote SA as a leading spirit and liqueur region, represent producers with Government, advance the interests of the industry and protect the integrity of the industry.

SASPA has developed an industry blueprint with the support of \$50,000 from the Government.

The Blueprint was launched on 29 October 2021, at which point the Government announced \$30,000 in funding for a two-day industry forum for SASPA members.

Funding was approved for \$200,000 over four years to fund an Executive Officer to implement the Spirits Industry Blueprint

Approval: Minute - eA196482



DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA197244
Title	Regional Growth Fund
Due to Minister's Office	17 May 2022
Date requested	10 May 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence from the Member for Narrunga, Mr Fraser Ellis MP regarding the Regional Growth Fund.

This is a referral from the Office of the Treasurer, Hon Stephen Mullighan MP.

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing and draft response for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA197251
Title	Opening our Great Outdoors Fund
Due to Minister's Office	25 May 2022
Date requested	11 May 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence from the Member for Narrunga, Mr Fraser Ellis MP regarding the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund.

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing and draft response for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries



Ref: eA197251

For	Signature
Critical Date	Nil
Subject	Letter from Mr Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga, regarding the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund

Synopsis

You have received correspondence from Mr Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga, regarding the Regional Growth Fund Opening our Great Outdoors pool.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Sign the attached letter in response to Mr Fraser Ellis, Member for Narrunga.

SIGNED / NOT SIGNED



 Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
 and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
 21 / 6 / 2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

- Mr Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga, wrote to you requesting an update on the Regional Growth Fund (RGF), Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) pool of funding.
- Mr Ellis' request was made following a query from an applicant (Clause 7(1)(c)), who have submitted an application to the OoGO under the business entity Clause 7(1)(c)

Discussion

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- You have advised your intention to reconsider the guidelines and branding for the RGF.

Management of key risks


- PIRSA will continue to advise applicants to RGF OoGO that the Government is reviewing a number of funding programs, including the Regional Growth Fund.

Legislative and/or financial implications

- None

Attachments

- A. Letter of response to Mr Fraser Ellis, Member for Narungga.



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For CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

25 /05 /2022

CONTACT	Peter Appleford
POSITION	Executive Director
DIVISION	Industry and Regional Development
MOBILE and LANDLINE	0412 797 720
Cleared by	General Manager



Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries



Ref: A5454724

For	Approval
Critical Date	Routine
Subject	Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors and Strategic Pool applications further information

Synopsis

You have requested further information on three projects approved by the former Government from RGF – Opening our Great Outdoors and one project approved from the RGF- Strategic pool, to inform your decisions regarding approval for the projects to be funded. Additional information is provided in the minute. Your approval or otherwise of these projects is sought.

Recommendations

That you:

- Note the contents of this minute.
NOTED
- Consider the funding outcome for each of the three projects for which further information was requested:

Applicant	Commitment (\$M)
Clause 1(1)(e)	
[Redacted content]	

*This file can be closed as ~~was~~ information was referred to via meetings and other briefings.
MASpencer
29/7.*

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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries

/ / 2022

Background.

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**
[Redacted]
- You approved three of the OoGO projects and three of the RGF- Strategic projects, but requested further information on the remaining three OoGO and one RGF- Strategic project.

Discussion

Request for further information

- The projects you have requested further information on are detailed below.

OoGO Projects

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]

- Minister for Environment and Water - CABN Pty Ltd
 - This application was received by the former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (MPIRD) from the former Minister for Environment and Water (MEW) as it had been assessed against the Nature Based Tourism Co-investment Fund (NBTCiF) as eligible. PIRSA assessed the proposal for eligibility under the OoGO only. The guidelines specifically provided that proposals deemed as eligible under the NBTCiF were eligible under the OoGO.

Out of scope

Out of scope

- Minister for Environment and Water - Geoffrey Packer & Co Pty Ltd
 - This application was received by the former MPIRD from the former MEW as it had been assessed against the NBTCiF as eligible. PIRSA assessed the proposal for eligibility under the OoGO only.

Out of scope

Out of scope

- **Clause 7(1)(c)**

[Redacted]

Strategic Pool project

Clause 1(1)(e)

[Redacted]

- South Australian Seafood Industry
 - PIRSA was requested to provide for consideration, a project detailing opportunities to assist the implementation of the *Seafood Growth Strategy for South Australia 2012 -2031*.
 - No formal application was received from the Seafood industry.
 - The former Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development announced the details of the funding at the launch of the Seafood Growth Strategy document.

Clause 1(1)(e)



Out of scope



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

25 /05 /2022

CONTACT	Peter Appleford
POSITION	Executive Director
DIVISION	Industry and Regional Development
MOBILE and LANDLINE	0412 797 720
PREPARED BY	Trevor Bennett



DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA197511
Title	Hon Leon Bignell MP Member for Mawson Regional Growth Fund – Opening Our Great Outdoors Program
Due to Minister's Office	26 August 2022
Date requested	12 August 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence the Hon Leon Bignell MP the Member for Mawson regarding an application to the Regional Growth Fund – Opening Our Great Outdoors Program – from Kangaroo Island based business Clause 6(1)

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing and draft reply for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

Ref: eA197511

For	Signature
Critical Date	Nil
Subject	Letter from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding the Opening our Great Outdoors Fund

Synopsis

You have received correspondence from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding the Regional Growth Fund Opening our Great Outdoors pool.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Sign the attached letter in response to Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson.

SIGNED / NOT SIGNED



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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
30 / 9 / 2022

Ministerial Comments -

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Background

- Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, wrote to you requesting an update on the Regional Growth Fund, Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) pool of funding and an application from the **Clause 7(1)(c)**
- **Clause 7(1)** applied to the Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors on the 14 February 2022.

Discussion

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- On 30 January 2022, the former Government launched the \$10 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) - Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) Pool over two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- You have advised your intention to reconsider the guidelines and branding for the RGF.
- A briefing outlining the applications to RGF OoGO was provided for consideration, reference A5393578.
- Hon Leon Bignell MP has also written to you requesting an update on the status of an application from **Clause 7(1)(c)** who have likewise, submitted an application to the OoGO (eA197830).

Stakeholder / regional impacts, consultation and engagement

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**
Clause 1(1)(e) To date PIRSA has received a further 37 applications to the fund seeking a total of \$12.99 million in funding support.
- As per your request, applications to the Regional Growth Fund were suspended on the 2nd June 2022.
- PIRSA has conducted a preliminary review of the 37 applications to determine eligibility, but now awaits your advice regarding how you want to proceed.
- Applicants have NOT been notified of the outcome of this preliminary assessment.

Management of key risks

- PIRSA will continue to advise applicants to RGF OoGO that the Government is reviewing a number of funding programs, including the RGF.

Legislative and/or financial implications

- None


for
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Department of Primary Industries and Regions

24/8/2022

CONTACT

Peta Crewe

POSITION

General Manager

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Regions

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Cleared by

Chief Executive



DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA197830
Title	Clause 7(1)(c) – Regional Growth Fund
Due to Minister's Office	25 August 2022
Date requested	11 August 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence from Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson regarding Clause 7(1)(c) and suspension of their Regional Growth Fund application pending a revision of the funding criteria. Mr Bignell has requested an update of the review as Clause 7(1)(c) need the work completed in time for Christmas.

(refer attached correspondence for additional information)

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing for the Minister's consideration
- Draft letter of reply for the Minister's signature

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

Ref: eA197830

For	Signature
Critical Date	Nil
Subject	Letter from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding Clause 7(1)(c) application to the Regional Growth Fund

Synopsis

You have received correspondence from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding an application for funding by Clause 7(1)(c) to the Regional Growth Fund.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Sign the attached letter of response to Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson.

SIGNED / NOT SIGNED



 Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
 23/10/2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

- Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, wrote to you regarding an application for funding by **Clause 7(1)(c)** to the Regional Growth Fund.
- **Clause 7(1)(c)** applied to the Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors on the 06 May 2022.

Discussion

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- On 30 January 2022, the former Government launched the \$10 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) - Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) Pool over two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
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- A briefing outlining the applications to RGF OoGO was provided for consideration, reference A5393578.
- Hon Leon Bignell MP has also written to you requesting an update on the Regional Growth Fund, Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) pool of funding and the status of an application from **Clause 7(1)(c)** who have likewise, submitted an application to the OoGO (eA197511).

Stakeholder / regional impacts, consultation and engagement

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**
Clause 1(1)(e) To date PIRSA has received a further 37 applications to the fund seeking a total of \$12.99 million in funding support.
- As per your request, applications to the Regional Growth Fund were suspended on the 2nd June 2022.
- PIRSA has conducted a preliminary review of the 37 applications to determine eligibility, but now awaits your advice regarding how you want to proceed.
- Applicants have NOT been notified of the outcome of this preliminary assessment.

Management of key risks

- PIRSA will continue to advise applicants to RGF OoGO that the Government is reviewing a number of funding programs, including the RGF.

Legislative and/or financial implications

- None



for
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Department of Primary Industries and Regions

24/8/2022

CONTACT	Peta Crewe
POSITION	General Manager
DIVISION	Regions
MOBILE and LANDLINE	0427 012 510
Cleared by	Chief Executive



DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA197867
Title	Clause 7(1)(c) Manager Clause 7(1)(c) Re: Regional Growth Fund
Due to Minister's Office	29 September 2022
Date requested	15 September 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received further correspondence in response to her letter (of 29 August 2022 – copy enclosed) from Clause 6(1) from Clause 6(1) seeking further reconsideration of their application to the Regional Growth Fund.

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Draft reply for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA198036
Title	Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted] Director Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted] Re: Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted]
Due to Minister's Office	14 September 2022 Due to DPC - 16 September 2022
Date requested	2 September 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence forwarded from the Premier's Office from Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted] who is the Director or Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted] regarding Clause 7(1)(c) [redacted] and the Regional Growth Fund.

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing and draft reply for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1) [redacted]	Clause 6(1) [redacted]
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DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA198048
Title	Wudinna District Council Mayor Eleanor Scholz Re: Regional Growth Fund
Due to Minister's Office	20 September 2022
Date requested	6 September 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence from Mayor Eleanor Scholz from Wudinna District Council regarding the Regional Growth Fund.

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing and draft reply for the Minister's consideration

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

Ref: eA198048

For	Signature
Critical Date	Nil
Subject	Letter from Mayor Eleanor Scholz, Wudinna District Council - Regional Growth Fund Opening our Great Outdoors application

Synopsis

You have received correspondence from Mayor Eleanor Scholz, Wudinna District Council, regarding an application by Council to the Regional Growth Fund Opening our Great Outdoors pool.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Sign the attached letter of response to Mayor Eleanor Scholz, Wudinna District Council.

SIGNED / NOT SIGNED

C.M. Scriven

 Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
 and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
 15 / 10 / 2022

Ministerial Comments -

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Background

- Mayor Eleanor Scholz, Wudinna District Council, wrote to you regarding an application by Council to the Regional Growth Fund - Opening our Great Outdoors pool for their Pildappa Rock Recreation Reserve project.
- Mr Sam Telfer, Member for Flinders, and Shadow Minister for Local Government, Regional Planning, and Regional Population Growth was copied into the letter.
- Wudinna District Council's application to the Regional Growth Fund - Opening our Great Outdoors pool was received on the 21 February 2022.
- The Mayor notes other contributions to the project including the Commonwealth Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund and the Council's own funds.

Discussion

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- On 30 January 2022, the former Government launched the \$10 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) - Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) Pool over two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- You have advised your intention to reconsider the guidelines and branding for the RGF.
- A briefing outlining the applications to RGF OoGO was provided for consideration, reference A5393578.
- A number of requests for information on the status of OoGO pool of funding have also been received regarding submitted applications by Hon Leon Bignell MP (Clause 7(1)(c) eA197511; Clause 7(1)(c) eA197830).
- The Mayor of Wudinna District Council has highlighted the importance of understanding the outcomes of their RGF OoGO application as it maybe compromised by the need to imminently progress the Commonwealth Government's component of the project, in addition to the impact of increasing construction in the past six months.

Stakeholder / regional impacts, consultation and engagement

- (Clause 1(1)(e)) To date PIRSA has received a further 37 applications to the fund seeking a total of \$12.99 million in funding support.
- As per your request, applications to the Regional Growth Fund were suspended on the 2 June 2022.
- PIRSA has conducted a preliminary review of the 37 applications to determine eligibility, but now awaits your advice regarding how you want to proceed.
- Applicants have NOT been notified of the outcome of this preliminary assessment.

Management of key risks

- PIRSA will continue to advise applicants to RGF OoGO that the Government is reviewing a number of funding programs, including the RGF.

Legislative and/or financial implications

- None



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

20/9/2022

CONTACT	Peta Crewe
POSITION	General Manager
DIVISION	Regions
MOBILE and LANDLINE	0427 012 510
Cleared by	Chief Executive



DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW REQUEST

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

Objective reference	eA198025
Title	Leon Bignell – Grant Application – Opening our Great Outdoors – Clause 7(1)(c)
Due to Minister's Office	15 September 2022
Date requested	8 September 2022

Rationale

The Minister has received correspondence from Mr Leon Bignell MP regarding constituent Clause 7(1)(c), business owner of Clause 7(1)(c) seeking advice regarding the progress of his Opening our Great Outdoors grant application.

(refer attached correspondence for additional information)

Action Required

Could you please provide the following:

- Briefing for the Minister's consideration
- Draft letter of reply to Mr Bignell for the Minister's signature

Thank you kindly.

Contact

Clause 6(1)	Clause 6(1)
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Minute to
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries



Ref: eA198025

For	Signature
Critical Date	Nil
Subject	Letter from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding Clause 7(1)(c) application to the Regional Growth Fund

Synopsis

You have received correspondence from Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, regarding an intended application for funding by Clause 7(1)(c) to the Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors.

Recommendations

That you:

1. Sign the attached letter of response to Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson.
SIGNED / NOT SIGNED

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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
**Minister for Primary Industries
and Regional Development**
Minister for Forest Industries
/ / 2022

Ministerial Comments -

Background

- Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson, wrote to you regarding an intended application for funding by **Clause 7(1)(c)** **Clause 7(1)(c)** to the Regional Growth Fund – Opening our Great Outdoors.
- **Clause 7(1)(c)** had been using the services of **Clause 7(1)(c)** **Clause 7(1)(c)** to prepare his application to the fund.
- PIRSA had been in communication with **Clause 7(1)(c)** on several occasions while she was in the process of preparing **Clause 7(1)(c)** application and after the fund was suspended.

Discussion

- The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over 10 years administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) to support projects that unlock new economic activity in our regions, create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities.
- On 30 January 2022, the former Government launched the \$10 million Regional Growth Fund (RGF) - Opening our Great Outdoors (OoGO) Pool over two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- The government suspended the Regional Growth Fund and Opening our Great Outdoors as of 2 June 2022 and no further applications will be accepted until further notice.
- The government has stated in the 2022-23 Budget Statement that:
 - The Regional Growth Fund continues to be supported in this budget with \$15.0 million per annum allocated to foster economic development in our regions.
- You are currently considering options for the RGF going forward.
- PIRSA closed the OoGO iApply application system the morning of 2 June 2022 at your request with a notification the fund had been suspended.
- **Clause 7(1)(c)** contacted PIRSA via email 2 June 2022 at 10pm advising that the application system would not allow her to attach the last document and finalisation of the application.
- PIRSA advised **Clause 7(1)(c)** 3 June 2022 that the fund had been suspended and no further applications would be accepted until further notice.
- Hon Leon Bignell MP has also written to you requesting an update on the RGF OoGO, including the status of applications from **Clause 7(1)(c)** and **Clause 7(1)(c)** **Clause 7(1)(c)** who have submitted applications to the fund (eA197511 & eA197830).

Stakeholder / regional impacts, consultation and engagement

- **Clause 1(1)(e)**
Clause 1(1)(e) PIRSA has received a further 37 applications to the fund seeking a total of \$12.99 million in funding support.
- PIRSA has conducted a preliminary review of the 37 applications to determine eligibility, but now awaits your advice regarding how you want to proceed.
- Applicants have NOT been notified of the outcome of this preliminary assessment

Management of key risks

- PIRSA is aware there were 12 active but incomplete applications in the iApply system at the time the fund was suspended.
- Accepting any application after a fund has been suspended or closed would mean other potential applicants are disadvantaged. This would not meet the requirements of a clear and transparent audit process.
- PIRSA will continue to advise applicants to RGF OoGO that the Government is reviewing a number of funding programs, including the RGF.

Legislative and/or financial implications

- None



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

19/9/2022

CONTACT	Peta Crewe
POSITION	General Manager
DIVISION	Regions
MOBILE and LANDLINE	0427 012 510
Cleared by	Chief Executive

Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)

From: Boehm, Rebecca (PIRSA)
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 4:25 PM
To: Crewe, Peta (PIRSA)
Cc: Appleford, Peter (PIRSA SARDI); **Clause 6(1)** (PIRSA); Mihalopoulos, Danny (PIRSA)
Subject: RE: PBN Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Peta,

Unfortunately **Clause 6(1)** has sent you the Minister's Office objective version of the PBN – which we in the department cannot access.

The OCE generally will lock down PBN's so they cannot be edited once they are approved and submitted to the Minister's Office – this ensures version control is maintained and that the CE always has a copy of the final version of the PBN.

Danny can open up the access again to this PBN however it will not have any comments of any changes that have been made in the Minister's Office.

Clause 6(1) – can you please send Danny and myself the latest word version of the PBN you want updated? We will then save it into PIRSA's folder and send it to Peta for updates. All requests for updates should be sent through the Office of the CE – this ensures that we know what is currently outstanding.

Thanks
 Bec

From: Crewe, Peta (PIRSA) <Peta.Crewe@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 4:01 PM
To: Boehm, Rebecca (PIRSA) <Rebecca.Boehm@sa.gov.au>
Cc: Appleford, Peter (PIRSA-SARDI) <Peter.Appleford@sa.gov.au>; **Clause 6(1)** (PIRSA) **Clause 6(1)**
Subject: RE: PBN - Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Bec –

Clause 6(1) has asked for the RGF PBN (A5417972) to be updated, but I don't have access to it. Is this a privileges or document control/management issue?

Thanks,

Peta Crewe
 General Manager, Regions
 Industry & Regional Development
 PIRSA
 0427 012 510

From: **Clause 6(1)** (PIRSA) **Clause 6(1)**
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 3:20 PM
To: Crewe, Peta (PIRSA) <Peta.Crewe@sa.gov.au>

Cc: Appleford, Peter (PIRSA SARDI) <Peter.Appleford@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: PBN Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Thanks for this extra information Peta.

Would you be able to update the PBN (A5417972) to include this?

With thanks

Mark

From: Crewe, Peta (PIRSA) <Peta.Crewe@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 3:06 PM
To: Clause 6(1) (PIRSA) Clause 6(1)
Cc: Appleford, Peter (PIRSA-SARDI) <Peter.Appleford@sa.gov.au>; Crewe, Peta (PIRSA) <Peta.Crewe@sa.gov.au>
Subject: RE: PBN - Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Mark –

In response to your email re: RDF, please see summary below:

The purpose of the Regional Development Fund (RDF) grants program is to drive economic growth and productivity by investing in regional infrastructure, creating jobs and new opportunities for regional South Australia.

The broad objectives of the RDF grants program are to support regional economic development by:

- *creating new jobs and improving career opportunities;*
- *providing better infrastructure facilities and services;*
- *strengthening the economic, social and environmental base of communities;*
- *supporting the development and delivery of projects; and*
- *leveraging funding and investment.*

In 2014, as a result of the Premier's agreement with Regional Development Minister Hon. Geoff Brock MP, the funding available through the RDF grants program increased from \$1.6 million to \$15 million per annum.

The Regional Development Fund was broken down into a number of programs including:

- *Regional Food Initiative Program (\$300,000/ annum over 4 years)*
 - *Funding provided up to \$80,000 per project over 2 years.*
- *Small Grants Programs (\$3M/ annum over 4 years) - only ran for 2 rounds*
 - *Funding provided from \$50,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 with leveraged funding at a minimum ratio of \$1 for each \$1 grant*
- *Major Projects Grants Program (\$5m/annum first 2 years, \$8.55M/annum last 2 years)*
 - *Funding provided from \$200,000 to a maximum of \$2,000,000 with leveraged funding at a minimum ratio of \$3 for each \$1 grant*
- *Community Infrastructure Program (\$3M/ annum over 4 years)*
 - *Funding provided from \$200,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000 with leveraged funding at a minimum ratio of \$2 for each \$1 grant.*
- *Country Cabinet – Fund my Idea Program*
 - *Funding \$50,000/ annum*

Kind regards,

Peta Crewe

General Manager, Regions
Industry & Regional Development
PIRSA
0427 012 510

From: Clause 6(1) (PIRSA) Clause 6(1)
Sent: Monday, 2 May 2022 12:17 PM
To: Crewe, Peta (PIRSA) <peta.crewe@sa.gov.au>
Subject: PBN - Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Peta

One more question – this time on the Regional Growth Fund PBN.

The brief notes that the fund was:

- Established by the former Government in 2018, the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a \$160 million fund over ten years.

I understand that previously (pre-2018) there was a Regional Development Fund.

- Was this an earlier version of the RGF?
- If so - When was it established and what funding did it provide – and over what period?

With thanks

Clause 6(1)

Clause 6(1) | Ministerial Liaison Officer
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