

Jobs & Skills for Regional SA

The Department of State Development is undertaking a comprehensive engagement process to better understand demand and need for jobs and skills in non-metropolitan South Australian regions, using a contemporary engagement framework and approach.



We will

- **build on local knowledge** to understand industry demand and individual need for skills, training and employment in each region
- **consult, involve and collaborate** with a broad range of local stakeholders and communities to develop tailored solutions that respond to regional skills, training and employment challenges and that take advantage of new opportunities
- **develop** a Skills and Workforce Development Plan for each region, with short, medium and long term goals and strategies.

Key milestones

The engagement process in 2017 – 2018 will include:

- **initial engagement** to identify need and demand: July – August 2017
- **develop** tailored responses with stakeholders: September – October 2017
- **co-deliver** actions / implement responses: from early 2018

How can I get involved?

In general, the following engagement opportunities will be provided in each region:

- **focus groups** with stakeholders, job seekers and specific groups such as young / mature aged unemployed people and job seekers
- **workshops** with training providers / contractors / other key stakeholders
- events for **employers**
- stakeholder **interviews / meetings**
- **online engagement** through the State Government's YourSAy website, with regional pages, discussion forums and surveys (printed copies of the survey will also be available).

Engagement approach

We are committed to openly and genuinely engage with stakeholders to decide, design and deliver our approach to skills, training and employment.

By helping us to better understand the needs of the different jobseekers and businesses in regional SA you can assist us to design and implement appropriate and effective responses to meet those needs and achieve better outcomes.

We want people in regions to have access to training, skill development and employment opportunities specifically for their needs. Equally, we want businesses to be able to recruit people who are work ready, with the skills needed for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

We want to provide tailored initiatives which meet demand and deliver improved outcomes for individuals, employers and communities, recognising there is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to meet regional needs for jobs and skills.

We are committed to

- **introducing** more flexibility to our skills, training and employment initiatives, recognising that not all individuals, industries or regions are alike
- **involving** local people and experts in understanding challenges and opportunities, as well as developing tailored responses, to enable the community and stakeholders to own and drive solutions
- **providing** the opportunity for new voices and new perspectives to be heard by consulting, involving and collaborating with a broad range of local stakeholders and communities.

Have your say

The Department of State Development needs your help to better understand and respond to industry demand and individual need for skills and jobs in regional South Australia.

If you live or work in regional SA, we want to know more about the local challenges and opportunities in relation to skills, training and employment.

To provide your ideas, suggestions and feedback:

- Phone the Skills and Employment Infoline on 1800 506 266
- Visit: www.skills.sa.gov.au/yoursay-regions to join the discussion and/or complete the survey (printable version available if you prefer to email or post)
- Email: DSD.EngageRegions@sa.gov.au
- Post: GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5001

Join our mailing list via web, phone or email so we can keep you up-to-date of progress with Jobs & Skills for Regional SA and engagement opportunities in your local area.

