



Media Release

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National Growth Areas Alliance Welcomes National Stronger Regions Fund

Mayor Glenn Docherty, Chair of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) has welcomed today's announcement that the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) is now open for applications.

Mayor Docherty said, "The Fund will make an important contribution to infrastructure that will support economic development and jobs. Given that outer urban growth areas need another 1 million jobs by 2026 just to keep pace with population and labour force growth, such assistance is critical for us."

"We are pleased to note the breadth of the types of infrastructure that will be eligible and that the assessment of applications will include consideration of population change, skill levels and distance from service and employment centres."

Mayor Docherty continues "We will be discussing these very issues at our upcoming Congress, *Growth That Works*. The event, to be held in Adelaide 15-17 October, will see participants across all levels of Government and across sectors join experts to develop actions that will help create the industries and jobs of the future in outer urban Australia."

"We look forward to working with the Government on projects that will drive skills and jobs growth in our areas and I am sure that our member councils will take a strong interest in the NSRF."

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- NGAA covers 25 growth municipalities on the outskirts of capital cities nationally
- Number of residents in NGAA member areas 3.5million ¹
- Proportion of Australia's growth 2006-2011 27.5%
- Rate of growth compared to Australia Double ²
- Forecast population in NGAA member areas by 2021 4.4 million ³

¹ If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, the projected population by 2021 is 5.5m.

² Hugo G & Harris K, University of Adelaide, *Population Dynamics in Outer Suburbs 2006-2011* (2013)

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