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FACT SHEET – TRANSITION PLANS FOR STANDALONE CAPITAL CITY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (RDA) COMMITTEES

The Australian Government has decided to change the operational mandate of the five standalone capital city RDAs (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide Metropolitan and Perth). Under the 2021-25 funding agreement, these RDAs will work with city-based stakeholders and the regional RDAs in their state to identify and facilitate economic development opportunities in those regions. These RDAs will become advocates, influencers and promoters of the regional areas of their state.

Some of these RDAs are already performing this or a similar role. For others, this change to operations will be more significant. The government recognises this, and will allow these RDAs to transition to the new model. The transition must be complete, and the new model in place, by no later than 1 July 2021.

The department will ask each of these RDAs to develop a transition plan to demonstrate how they will pivot their operations to the new model, and the proposed timeframe for this. Processes may include, but are not limited to:

- Identification of activities, contracts and other arrangements that will no longer be appropriate under the new model, and how the RDAs involvement in these will be finalised prior to 1 July 2021
- Identification of current stakeholders and relationships that will remain beneficial going forward, and of new relationships to be established and how this will be done
- Identification of how and when the capital city and regional RDAs of the state will work together to develop the capital city RDA's work plan from 1 July 2021, noting that this will be a vital component of all RDAs' 2021-22 business plans that need to be submitted to the department for assessment by no later than 30 June 2021
- Standalone capital city RDAs working together to develop strategies for implementing their new mandate and sharing better practices
- Identification of risks, and how these may be mitigated.

The Government is committed to making this new partnership model a success. These new arrangements provide an opportunity for regional RDAs to connect with city-based stakeholders to achieve their local economic development outcomes. All RDAs are asked to engage with the new model and proactively contribute to developing the standalone capital city RDAs' future work programs.

Transition plans should be submitted to the department by 31 January 2021.