



## **MEDIA RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 23 July 2008**

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ALL EARS FOR THE MID NORTH COAST**

The Federal Government is actively seeking local advice on the needs of the Mid North Coast. The advice sought includes how engagement of regional communities can be improved, principles and priorities for the new Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program and advice on the types of local community infrastructure that could encourage economic development.

Prior Federal funding programs proved to be critical in assisting a variety of local projects to realise their potential. These projects included initiatives for aged care, business development, youth, employment, community infrastructure and the environment. The majority of these projects would not have been made a reality without this funding.

Clearly, the results of this consultation process will make a real difference to the future prosperity of our region, so it is important that we provide a comprehensive and balanced response that is representative of our community.

To participate, please visit Regional Development Australia – Mid North Coast (RDA-MNC) website at [mncacc.com.au](http://mncacc.com.au), where you will find the consultation topics, as well as a range of background documents should you wish to research the issues. You can also contact RDA-MNC, who will be happy to post, fax or email the consultation topics to you.

Please forward your comments on as many of the topics you like to Regional Development Australia – Mid North Coast on:

Email: [accmail@mncacc.com.au](mailto:accmail@mncacc.com.au)

Fax: 02 65621488

Post: PO Box W 693, West Kempsey NSW 2440

Face to face sessions with Don Phillips, Chairman RDA-MNC and Chairman, Regional Development Australia Interim Board will be held at the RDA-MNC office at 35 Elbow Street West Kempsey on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Please phone 02 65621477 to make your appointment for Kempsey, or to arrange an alternative appointment with your local RDA-MNC Committee member or staff.

Return your response to RDA-MNC before close of business Wednesday, 6 August 2008 and you will be put into the draw to win a case of local wine or a gift voucher to the same value. The winner will be drawn from a hat & announced on Monday, 11 August 2008 via email.

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***\*Interviews with the Chairman of Regional Development Australia Interim Board are welcome. Please contact me to arrange.***