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RDAF PROJECTS IN HUNTER MOVE TO NEXT STAGE OF ASSESSMENT

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Hunter has welcomed the announcement of the projects proceeding to full application stage for the \$200 million Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

The projects selected to proceed to full application are:

- **Lake Macquarie City Council – LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT EXCHANGE**
- **Newcastle Airport – TAXIWAY RECONSTRUCTION**
- **Muswellbrook Council – STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

Todd Williams, CEO, RDA Hunter said the announcement of the projects going to full application provides an opportunity to further demonstrate how the project will meet the needs of the region.

“The quality of the projects received in our region was very high, making it a difficult choice.

The ones chosen all took into the account the priorities of our Regional Plan and have the capacity to address the needs of the region,” Mr Williams said.

“The projects have a strong level of community support and will have a positive long-term impact on our region and neighbouring regions and are ready to proceed.”

The list of projects selected across the RDA network that are proceeding to full application are available at www.regional.gov.au.

The closing date for full applications is February 15, 2012. The Department will assess all applications to ensure compliance with the Guidelines.

Eligible applications will then be assessed by an Independent Advisory Panel and funded projects will be announced mid-year.

The RDAF is worth almost \$1 billion over five years and is designed to boost economic and community development.

It is part of the Australian Government’s commitment to regional Australia. More information on RDAF can be found at www.regional.gov.au.

For questions relating to the application and assessment process please contact Todd Williams at RDA Hunter on 4908 7300.

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