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COMMUNITY OPINION SOUGHT ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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People throughout the Wide Bay Burnett region have been invited to have their say about priorities for development of the region's communities, during a series of region-wide public meetings later this month.

The Wide Bay Burnett ACC has been tasked by the Federal Government to consult with regional communities about issues surrounding the future of regional development.

WBBACC Chair Bill Trevor said the Government wants to gain communities' views on a range of initiatives including ways to improve the engagement of regional communities with the Australian Government, design of a new regional development funding program, and identification of future community infrastructure priorities.

"Every regional community has its own distinct needs and challenges and these meetings will let us gain feedback from the people who live in our communities and are best-placed to know what matters most."

"The outcomes will play an important role in determining future government spending in our region, and help the Government prioritise initiatives that stimulate sustainable economic growth, increase our regional attractiveness and competitiveness, and ultimately improve our quality of life," he said.

To enable as many people as possible to have input, public meetings will be conducted in each of the area's 5 sub-regions - Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, South and North Burnett.

South Burnett residents are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 30 July at 5.30 pm to be held at the South Burnett Enterprise Centre in Cornish Street, Kingaroy.

"We understand this is a busy time of year for people, but would encourage everyone who can possibly attend the public meetings to do so," said WBBACC Executive Office Cameron Bisley.

"Details of all meetings will be published in our regional newspapers and further information is also available on our website www.wbbacc.com.au/rda or by calling 4121 7099."

Anyone who cannot get to the meetings can still put forward their views by downloading a questionnaire from the WBBACC website and emailing it to info@wbbacc.com.au

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