

Regionalisation Dialogue Day

15 September 2026
8:30am - 12:30pm
Hotel Realm, Canberra, ACT

Present Your Solution. Test It. Help Shape National Outcomes.

Regional Australia is undergoing historic change, now home to more than 10 million people. Population growth, shifting work patterns, and evolving industries are transforming regional towns and cities at a pace not seen in generations. At the Regional Australia Institute (RAI), 15 years of research confirms the best solutions to drive regions forward come from people who know it best - regional leaders. So, when something works, let's not reinvent the wheel, but share what works, adapt it and amplify its impact.

Regionalisation Dialogue Day 2026 (RDD26) is your opportunity as a Regional Activators Alliance (RAA) member to present a bold project or idea from your region and have it tested live by national decision makers who can help take it further.

What is Regionalisation Dialogue Day?

Regionalisation Dialogue Day is a national forum hosted by the RAI, delivered as a regional solutions exchange, purpose-built for regional policy and impact. At RDD26:

- RAA members act as solution owners, presenting real regional projects
- Regional Australia Council (RAC) members and government policymakers act as strategic investors, investing insight, challenge and pathways to scale
- Ideas are stress-tested for impact, policy relevance and national scalability

This is not a sales pitch or funding round. It's a focused exchange designed to surface what works and what would unlock greater impact.

Why Present Your Project or Idea?

Presenting at RDD26 gives you the opportunity to:

- Present a solution from your region directly to national decision-makers
- Receive real-time feedback from policy and industry leaders
- Test your region's idea for scalability and replication
- Surface barriers only visible at a national or system level
- Build momentum through exposure, insight and connection

RDD26 gives regional leaders something rare, informed challenge from people with influence.



The Regionalisation Ambition 2032

RDD26 directly supports the RAI's [Regionalisation Ambition 2032](#), a nationally agreed, evidence based framework designed to unlock the full potential of regional Australia.

The Ambition includes: 25 measurable national targets under 6 ambition pillars; Population, Jobs and Skills, Liveability, Health, Productivity and Innovation, Sustainability and Resilience

Projects presented at RDD26 demonstrate how these targets are being pursued on the ground and showcase practical, place-based solutions to industry and government.



What Are We Looking For?



We are seeking bold, practical and evidence-based projects or ideas that:



Projects of all stages and scales are welcome.

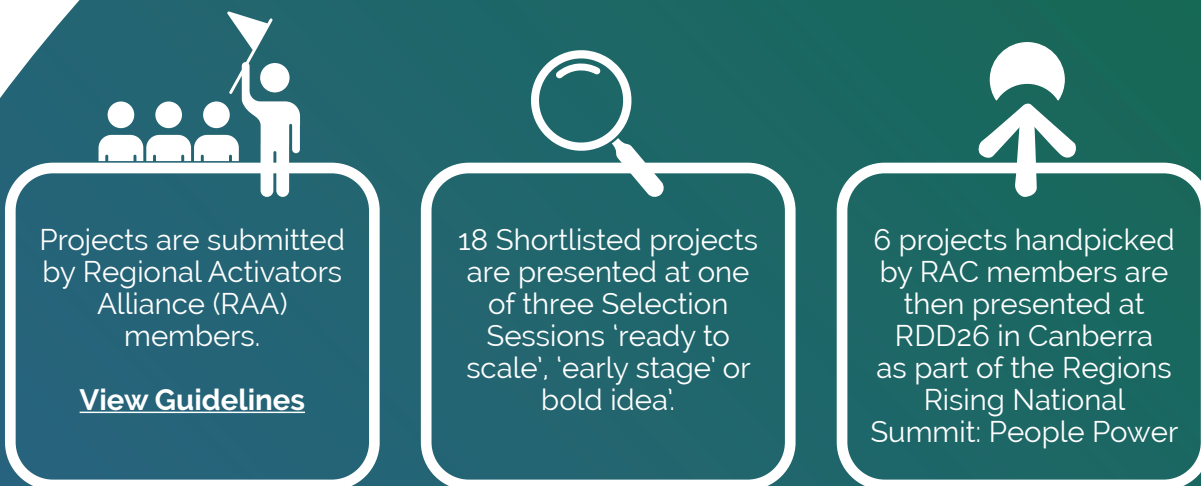
Why It Matters Now

RAA members represent more than 900 regional towns and cities across Australia. At a time of rapid regional growth and opportunity, regional leadership and regional solutions matter more than ever.

Regionalisation Dialogue Day 2026 is about ensuring your regions ideas are seen, tested and amplified helping regional innovation shape national outcomes.



How it Works



Present your solution. Be challenged. Help rebalance the nation.

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