

Election Wish List Released

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With a date for the Federal Election being announced, the Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDC) has compiled an election “wish list” to be distributed to all candidates.

Released today, the Regional Priorities document lists 13 regional priorities.

The top five priorities for the region includes:

1. Early rollout of the National Broadband Network across our region
2. Mackay Ring Road
3. Sealing of the Alpha to Clermont road
4. Airlie Beach main street upgrade
5. Local Government infrastructure to accommodate a growing population

REDC CEO, Narelle Pearse, said that the seat of Dawson will be in the spotlight during the campaigning for each party.

“Given that Dawson is a marginal seat, we should, and have seen a lot of interest in our electorate. Both Tony Abbot and Julia Gillard have visited our region recently to show their support for Dawson, as well as a range of Ministers.”

Ms Pearse is hoping that this interest translates into promises for the region in accordance with the priorities.

“We are very keen to see project commitments prior to the election. The priorities will not only increase productivity in the region, and therefore provide an economic return to the Government, but will also increase liveability and help attract more skilled workers to the region.”

REDC, along with Regional Development Australia (RDA), will be promoting the value of investment by the Federal Government in these regionally significant projects.

The Regional Priorities document can be accessed via the REDC website, www.mwredc.org.au

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