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# REGIONS RISING MELBOURNE

PROGRAM // 7 AUGUST 2019

## // REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH IN VICTORIA //

11.00 am	Registration desk opens
11.30 am	<b>OPENING REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</b> Liz Ritchie, co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute (RAI) Acknowledgement of Country
11.40 am	<b>MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS</b> <b>Chair:</b> Christian Zahra – Principal, Impact Partners Australia & RAI Board Member <b>Keynote Address:</b> The Hon. Jaclyn Symes MP, Minister for Regional Development
11.55 am	Q&A Chaired by Liz Ritchie, Co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute
12.05 pm	Lunch
12.40 pm	<b>SUPPORTING REGIONAL POPULATION</b> <b>Chair:</b> Beth Jones – Deputy Secretary, Rural and Regional Victoria & CEO, Regional Development Victoria <b>RAI Research Address:</b> Dr. Kim Houghton – co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute Moses Lee – Team leader Economic Modelling, Infrastructure Victoria Sam Dimarco – Head of Stakeholder Relations, NBN Co.
1.35 pm	Audience Q&A
1.40pm	<b>REGIONAL POPULATION AND MIGRATION</b> <b>Facilitated Panel Discussion:</b> Liz Ritchie – co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute 1. David Matthews – Director Bendigo and Adelaide Bank 2. Natalie Egleton – CEO, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal 3. Simone Dudley – Founder & Director, Therapy Connect
2.15 pm	Q&A Discussion
2.25 pm	Closing comments from RAI
2.30 pm	RAI closes the event