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The **nbn**TM access network is shrinking the digital divide for regional and rural Australians, helping to improve social cohesion and provide better connectivity and access to services supporting education and jobs.

Research indicates that this connectivity revolution is expected to help create more than 20,000 jobs in regional Australia by 2021, helping to spur rapid growth in the digital economy and reinvigorate what were once traditional manufacturing hubs into areas ripe for tech start-ups to seize the online opportunities that fast broadband promises.

Welcome to Regions Rising NT – an integral part of the Regional Australia Institute's (RAI's) ground-breaking national events roadshow.

Today's theme is Regions in Transition. We are proud to be hosting this event as part of our national series that promotes the importance of regional Australia and enables us to work with our stakeholders on issues that matter.

The RAI is looking forward to sharing its latest work, including findings from *Regional Population Growth – Are we ready?*, *Steps to Settlement Success*, and our *Regions in Transition* research. The aim of this session is to unearth potential solutions to enhance our regions and to instigate change.

The RAI uses our evidence-based research to present the facts, bringing key regional leaders together, continuing to shift the narrative and, in turn, the future of regional Australia.

We encourage you to actively listen, contribute, and engage with the presenters and other attendees. This is the first series of its kind for the RAI, showcasing our organisation and bringing together a broad cross-section of government, industry and community representatives.

There is something for everyone here today, and we hope you walk away feeling inspired, informed, and ready to promote regional Australia! We ask you to participate through social media #RegionsRising #RegionalAus.

Liz Ritchie and Dr Kim Houghton
co-CEOs, Regional Australia Institute

7.00 am **Registration & Networking**

7.30 am **OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Liz Ritchie
co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute

Jeanneen McLennan
Larrakia Nation

7.45 am **Breakfast is served**

8.15 am **RAI RESEARCH ADDRESS**

Liz Ritchie
co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute

Shyla Vohra
Migration Director, Regional Australia Institute

8.45 am Audience Q&A

8.55 am **MINISTERIAL ADDRESS**

Introduction: **Keld Knudsen**
Director NT Exploration and Onshore Environment, APPEA

Keynote Address: **The Hon. Michael Gunner**
Chief Minister for the Northern Territory

9.20 am **SUPPORTING TRANSITIONING ECONOMIES**

Chair: **Paul Mertin**
State Manager SA/NT, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

Tim Hallam
Executive Director Origination, Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

Sandra Henderson
Director NT, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Emma Nesbitt
General Manager & Expert in Residence, Darwin Innovation Network

10.10 am Audience Q&A

10.20 am **Tea & Coffee Break**

10.40 am **REGIONAL ENABLEMENT: POPULATION & WORKFORCE**

Chair: **Tim Saul**
Head of NBN local SA/NT

Simon Maddocks
Vice Chancellor & President, Charles Darwin University

Karen Vohland
Executive Director, Department of the Chief Minister

Steve Edgington
Mayor, Barkly Regional Council

11.30 am Audience Q&A

11.40 am **Event concludes**
Closing comments from RAI



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City of Palmerston

Tracy Clark

Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

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Department of Corporate & Information Services

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Jamie De Brenni

Alice Springs Town Council

Gus Diaz

Charles Darwin University

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