

Application Questions

Applicants for the position of **Regional Economic Development Coordinator (North West and North)** must provide responses to the following six (6) questions:

- Responses should include references to qualifications, examples of past activities or other evidence to support your claim;
- Limit responses to **no more than one page** per question; and
- Your responses should, where possible, be in related to issues in north west and northern Tasmania, and the relationship to the broader Tasmania context.

1. Briefly explain what skills, knowledge and capability you will bring to the role to enable you to contribute to RDA Tasmania fulfilling its charter, which includes the following statement:

“...collaborating with other RDA Committees, all levels of government, and the private sector to:

- A. *Facilitate regional economic development outcomes, investment, local procurement and jobs.*
- B. *Promote greater regional awareness of and engagement with Australian Government policies, grant programs and research.*
- C. *Improve Commonwealth regional policy making by providing intelligence and evidence-based advice to the Australian Government on regional development issues.*
- D. *Co-ordinate the development of a strategic regional plan, or work with suitable existing regional plans that will align with the Commonwealth’s regional priorities.”*

2. Demonstrate your ability to provide authoritative advice to community groups, private sector, local and State governments in relation to areas such as project management, funding applications, and advice on regional planning, including business growth plans and community improvement plans.
3. Illustrate your capacity to engage with multiple stakeholders on key issues of importance. This includes a capacity to understand key issues and provide advice to government of those issues - stakeholders could include community groups, private sector, local and State governments, and members of parliament. (Use this question to illustrate your networks within the region).
4. Demonstrate your ability to initiate, or participate in, activities which could include information forums, expos and workshops, contributing to community newsletters, conducting grant writing workshops and bringing together community organisations to submit joint applications for government programs.

5. Illustrate your analytical, conceptual and written skills, including experience in writing and developing policy and providing advice to government; this includes an ability to undertake desktop research and providing reports based on that research.

6. The RDA Tasmania Committee members recently reviewed what it is that we do, what is our why, our what and how will we go about it. The answer was *making Tasmania a place where things happen; to Activate Tasmanian Development*. Explain on how you will contribute to RDA Tasmania activating Tasmanian development?

This question is your opportunity to express yourself on what *activating Tasmanian development* means to you and how you would love to go about doing it.