



Regional Services Directory



South Australia

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Based in the Adelaide Office of the ABS, the National Centre's roles are to:

- develop and disseminate data that will assist policy analysts and researchers study the underlying causes of change across rural, regional and remote Australia, support the regional priorities of Commonwealth agencies by providing relevant statistical information to assist policy planning and assessment.

The Centre also incorporates the South Australian Regional Statistics Unit (RSU) specialising in the provision of sub-state data for SA. The RSU publishes *Regional Statistics, South Australia* (Cat. No. 1362.4) annually and provides consultancy services in regional profiling.

Recent Key Projects:

RRSNC discussion paper *Use of Individual Income Tax Data for Regional Statistics:*

Experimental Estimates for Small Areas, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (Cat. No 5673.0) was released on 26 November 2001. The paper summarises a joint ABS/ATO project using individual income tax data to provide new measures of regional labour market activity. Tables produced include profiles of wage and salary income, occupation, age and sex by statistical local areas (SLA) in Australia. Work is underway in building this time series through to 1999-2000.

R&R News: RRSNC Newsletter published quarterly. Contact the above to be added to the mailing list.

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Products and services:

Regional and Industry Development.
Public Sector Economics.
Economic Conditions and Outwork.
Economic Impact of Gambling.
Studies into Coastal Growth.
Economic Evaluation of Water Reuse.

Recent Key Projects:

'Value of New Zealand Recreational Fishing', New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries.

'Unmet demand for Information Technology and telecommunications courses', Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs. 'Economic and Social Impact of Gaming on the Provincial Cities', Provincial Cities Assoc. of SA. 'Labour Market Planning for the Regions'. 'Keeping Pace: A study on the South Coast Region, Fleurieu Regional Development Commission.

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Products and services:

Large-scale multi-regional economic modelling.

Economic impacts of major projects.

Economics of hallmark events/tourism.

Analysis of micro-economic reform.

Analysis of Commonwealth and State taxation.

Commonwealth-State financial relations.

Recent Key Projects:

Economic impact of Sydney Olympics – undertaken in collaboration with Arthur Anderson.

Economic model of South-East Queensland Bio-geographical region – Queensland Department of Natural Resources.

Victoria

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Products and services:

Regional and local economic development.

Planning and urban affairs.

Facilitation, consultation, advocacy, negotiations.

Strategy development and policy analysis.

Local government and community affairs.

Intergovernmental relations and regional cooperation.

Recent Key Projects:

Our consultancy is small, innovative and flexible, with the capacity for either single person assignments or large projects where we assemble specialist multi-disciplinary teams. In our four and a half years of operation we have successfully completed over 40 assignments spanning a wide range of issues in several States for clients including regional development organisations, Local, State and Commonwealth governments, large and small private sector companies, utility companies, ACCs, State and National peak bodies and private clients.

The principal, Peter Tesdorpf, has over 25 years professional experience including managing delivery of the Commonwealth's Regional Development Program, establishing regional bodies, as Executive Director of one of Australia's most successful voluntary regional organisations of Councils and as a local government planner. He is Victorian President of the Royal Australian Planning Institute and a Councillor of the Regional Science Association of Australia/New Zealand.

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Products and services:

Strategic Planning.
Regional Economic Development.
Statutory Planning.
Research – Demographics, Economic.
Rural and Resource Based Research.
Community Consultation.

Recent Key Projects:

Enhancing the capacity of local government to contribute to the management of dryland salinity – land and water resources research development corporation.
Regional growth centres study – Victorian Department of Infrastructure.
Victorian rural living study – Department of Infrastructure.

Western Australia

Institute for Regional Development

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Products and Services:

Community facilitation and mediation.
Develop and deliver the education, training and professional development initiative.
Economic and social assessment.
Infrastructure planning and evaluation.

Natural resources and environment management.
Policy formulation and analysis.
Post Graduate Programme in Regional Development – national and international – occ@ird.uwa.edu.au
Professional development and capacity building for regional development practitioners.
Programme and project planning and evaluation.
Regional advocacy.
Strategic and statutory planning.
Tourism planning: eco and wilderness tourism.

Recent Key Projects:

An evaluation of the impacts and implications of environmental initiatives on the maritime transport sector for the Australian Maritime Group of the Australian Transport Council.
Provision of field research and professional inputs for the environmental assessment of the Hydroacoustic Station (HA01) to be located offshore from Cape Leeuwin to monitor illegal nuclear tests.
Specialist input into identification of high priority areas for dedication as no-take marine reserves in the World Heritage Area of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
Specialist input into the resources inventory for the coastal and marine planning strategy and management framework for the Batavia Coast.
The preparation of the Coastal Environs Report for the South West Catchment Council's regional strategic plan.
The provision of specialist consultancy services for community consultation and for the preparation of the Warren Blackwood Development Plan for the South West Development Commission.

Queensland

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FundAssist provides professional assistance to businesses, individuals and local government in gaining access to funding associated with Private (venture capital), Public (government) and Charitable/Philanthropic sources. This assistance is delivered via a range of different services including: preparation of investment briefs and investor introduction services (re venture capital); reviews of funding applications/submissions; complete preparation of funding applications or submissions; tactical and lobbying advice (eg who should be contacted in respect to the project or application / submission); project funding management (assistance and advice in the management of funding deeds / contracts). Packages of services are also available such as our Complete Project Funding Assistance service that includes reviews of applications and submissions, complete preparation of applications and submissions, tactical and lobbying advice and project management advice.

Fees for most services are charged as a percentage of funds being sought or managed. The exact percentage varies according to amount of funding involved (percentage declines as funding amount increases) and type of service (eg Complete Project Funding Assistance involves a higher percentage rate than One Off Funding Application or Submission services). Further, for most services, the majority of our fees are success-based meaning they only become payable when you actually receive funding in respect to our services. Accordingly, it is in our interests only to take on projects when we are fairly confident of a successful outcome. The FundAssist website contains further information about how our fees work for each type of service.

FundAssist also has relationships with several other firms providing specialist service such as Economic and Business Consulting, Office Operation, Workplace Health and Safety, Branding/Graphic Design, Energy Systems/Power Supply, Tourism and Architecture to name a few. The companies with which these working relationships have been established all have a particular emphasis on the delivery of services in Rural and Regional areas. Indeed, FundAssist only deals with Rural and Regional areas and does not service projects in capital cities or their immediate metropolitan surrounds.

Recent Key Projects:

Longreach Saleyards Upgrade Works – funding submission services for the upgrade of the Longreach Saleyards facility. Gemfields Resort Complex – funding submission services for a feasibility study of a resort complex at the Central Queensland Gemfields Central Queensland Employment Consortium Tender – funding submission services in the preparation of a tender under the New Apprenticeships Assistance Program Beef Interpretive Centre – funding for the planning and design of a tourism facility associated with Queensland beef production.

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SRA Consulting provides professional economic and business consulting services including: community economic development planning, community profiling, economic impact statements and economic reports, business planning (operational and strategic), and marketing planning services.

SRA has relationships with several other firms providing specialist services such as Private Investment Assistance (Venture Capital), Office Operation, Workplace Health and Safety, Branding/Graphic Design to name a few. We are able to assemble teams capable of meeting a wide range of needs, or provide interested parties with

leads on other service providers who may be able to assist them with particular issues. The companies with which these working relationships have been established all have a particular emphasis on the delivery of services in Rural and Regional areas. SRA Consulting only deals with Rural and Regional areas and does not service projects in capital cities or their immediate metropolitan surrounds.

Recent Key Projects:

Report on the Outback Highway – Boulia to Alice Springs section: report on natural features, fauna, flora, road conditions, travel issues, businesses and services.

Revitalisation of Injune: strategy for the revitalisation of Injune and capitalisation on opportunities created by the sealing of the Carnarvon Developmental Road and consequent increases in traffic volumes.

Included examination of beautification/street scape development, tourism facility development, and business attraction/enhancement strategies.

Central Queensland Gemfields Resort feasibility – feasibility of a major resort complex in the Central Queensland Gemfields.