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Regional Development Australia Funding Announcement

Katanning Sheep Saleyards Project Awarded \$7.42 Million

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, announced today the successful projects in Round One of the \$1 billion Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF), totaling \$150 million for 35 projects across the nation worth almost \$418 million in the first stage of the five-year program.

The Katanning Sheep Saleyards project, one of only four successful projects in WA, has been awarded \$7.42 million towards the \$25.47 million project.

RDA Great Southern Chairman Milton Evans congratulated the Katanning Shire team for their successful bid. "The Sheep Saleyards project will be a fantastic development for Katanning and will deliver many benefits to the Great Southern and the South West region for many years to come" said Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans said the Saleyards project will deliver sustainable economic and social benefits for the community into the future.

Mr. Evans paid tribute to the 11 proponents from the Great Southern, saying that many worthwhile projects had been identified in the region and were endorsed by the RDA Great Southern Committee for their alignment with the RDA's Regional Plan.

Other successful projects in WA included the Kimberly Land Council Office Development at \$4.9 million, the Baldvis Library and Community Centre at \$5.57 million and the Karratha Leisure Complex at \$15 million. RDAF funding in WA totaled around \$32.89 million out of the total \$150 million allocated across Australia.

Round Two of the RDAF is expected to be announced in November and will be valued at \$150 million.

Further information on the RDAF and detailed project descriptions can be found at www.regional.gov.au. RDA Great Southern can be contacted in Albany on 98425800 or www.rdagreatsouthern.com.au

