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REGIONAL RESEARCH INSIGHTS PROGRAM

Monday 3 June, 8.30am – 12.30pm followed by lunch.

Theatrette, Parliament House, Canberra

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| 8.30am | Registrations open | |
| 8.45am | Ministerial welcome | |
| 9am | Introduction | Ms. Liz Ritchie, RAI CEO |
| 9.15am | Welcome to Country | |
| 9.30am | About RAI's research program | Dr. Kim Houghton, RAI Chief Economist |
| 9.45am | Population patterns including movement from capital cities to regions and regional demographic shifts | Dr. Kim Houghton, RAI Chief Economist |
| 10.10am | The lived experience | How population movements are changing the face of one regional community. Ms. Carisa Wells CEO, Regional Development Australia – Southern Inland |
| 10.25am | Q&A | |
| 10.40am | Building the Good Life: future-proofing the region's housing landscape | Ms. Diwa Hopkins, RAI Senior Economist |
| 11.05pm | The lived experience | How one inland city is responding to its new and diverse housing requirements. Mr. Murray Wood CEO, Dubbo Regional Council |
| 11.15pm | Q&A | |
| 11.25pm | What regional communities say they need to be most successful in the nation's energy transition | Dr Kim Houghton, RAI Chief Economist |
| 11.50pm | The lived experience | The story of a small town and its proactive approach to net zero. Mr. Peter Dowling, CEO, Central Highlands Development Commission |
| 12 noon | Q&A | |
| 12.20pm | In summary & close | Ms. Liz Ritchie, RAI CEO |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | Join us for lunch |

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