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Dear Senator Joyce

On behalf of the members of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Brisbane, I extend New Year's greetings and hope that 2011 will be successful and fruitful for our communities (notwithstanding the devastating floods in much of our State).

Currently the role of RDA is to build partnerships between key stakeholders to provide strategic and targeted responses to issues in each of the 55 metropolitan and rural/remote regions across Australia.

RDA Brisbane last year developed a Regional Roadmap (strategic plan) for the Commonwealth's approval and, through extensive research and consultation with key stakeholders, established five priority themes that we are working at addressing in order to achieve positive outcomes for Brisbane:

Priority	To achieve ...
Transport	A connected city with appropriate transport infrastructure and transit efficiency
Future Workforce	High workforce participation and workforce skilling to foster social inclusion, productivity and competitiveness
Liveability	High quality of life and social sustainability promoting social inclusion and wellbeing
Emerging Enterprise & Innovation	Diversification of the economy through growth and development of emerging enterprise and innovation
Carbon	Effective greenhouse management and transition to promote economic growth, resilience and opportunity

The full document can be accessed on our website www.rdabrisbane.org.au

In Queensland, RDA Committees each comprise ten members who are appointed for two or four year terms jointly by the relevant Commonwealth and State Government Ministers. They serve voluntarily and in Brisbane are drawn from business, community and local government sectors. Four of the current RDA Brisbane members served with the former Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee (GBACC), as did the Executive Officer, Margaret Blade; so while RDA is a different organisation to ACCs and has a new focus, there has been a considerable transfer of skills and knowledge in this area.



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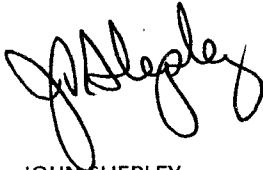
We currently have two member vacancies on the RDA Brisbane committee, and I seek your assistance in sourcing Expressions of Interest to fill these positions. We have considered current members' skills and attributes and have identified the following gaps to ideally target for the appointment of replacement members:

Constituency:	Business (business owners who are also employers)
Sector:	Environmental
Expertise with RDA Regional Roadmap theme areas:	Transport (planning); Carbon (reduction and management)
Geographic (residence):	Brisbane Bayside South; Brisbane South-West
Ethnicity:	Indigenous, Asian/Pacific, Middle Eastern, African
Age Group:	Under 40
Gender:	Female

If you are aware of community minded people residing in Brisbane who would match all or some of the above profile, please encourage them to complete an Expression of Interest form which is available on the following link on the RDA website: <http://rda.gov.au/working.aspx>. Any queries in this regard can be directed to myself or the Executive Officer (john.shepley@rdabrisbane.org.au Mob: 0419 903 174 or margaret.blade@rdabrisbane.org.au Mob: 0419 751 846).

We will be in further contact with you about formally launching our operations and presenting our Regional Roadmap, and look forward to keeping the lines of communication open while advancing and reviewing our priorities and actions. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely



JOHN SHEPLEY
CHAIR