

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Question: 90**

**Topic: Loddon Mallee RDA Committee review of RDAF applications**

**Asked By: Senator MCKENZIE**

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The Loddon Mallee RDA Committee, according to its publicity material, reviewed 20 applications to the RDAF and provided advice to stakeholders and the federal government. What were these projects? For what reasons were they ruled out? Why was the Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex determined to be the priority project for the Loddon Mallee region?

**Answer:**

What were these projects?

The Department received 15 applications from the RDA Loddon Mallee region.

North Central Catchment Management Authority	Working with landholders to protect and enhance the Moolort Plains wetlands
Bendigo Agricultural Show Society Inc	Bendigo Showgrounds Redevelopment - Stage 2 & 3
Greater Bendigo City Council	Sandhurst (Bendigo) Community Theatre Complex
Gannawarra Shire Council	Gannawarra: Recovery to Discovery
Birchip Cropping Group Inc	BCG Multi-use Facilities
Bendigo Animal Welfare and Community Services Inc	The Companion Animal Community Support Enterprise

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Sunraysia Gliding Club Inc	Replace training glider and upgrade facilities at Sunraysia Gliding Club Inc
Maldon Inc	Transforming our town together – Maldon as One underground power project
Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Gateway Project
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Community Power Australia
Swan Hill Rural City Council	The Pioneer Settlement Re-Development
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Swan Hill Aerodrome Development
Loddon Shire Council	Wedderburn Community Centre redevelopment
Greater Bendigo City Council	Bendigo Regional Parks Project
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Hanging Rock: Bringing People and the Environment Together in Sustainable Harmony

For what reasons were they ruled out?

The Department cannot provide advice on procedures followed by RDA committees.

Of the 15 applications received from the RDA Loddon Mallee region:

- 1 was funded
- 3 were eligible but not funded, and
- 11 were ineligible as they did not meet the mandatory criteria.

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Round One of the RDAF was a competitive, merit based process. Each application was assessed on its individual merits by the RDAF panel consistent with the criteria set out in section 4.7 of the Guidelines for Round One.

Why was the Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex determined to be the priority project for the Loddon Mallee region?

The Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex was assessed by the panel as meritorious against the 204 eligible applications.