

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Topic: Loddon Mallee Strategic Plan

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The Northern Loddon Mallee Regional Strategic Plan contains 13 priority actions and over 70 key initiatives, yet not one was chosen to be funded through the RDAF.

Why?

Answer:

Fifteen applications were received from the RDA Loddon Mallee region. Of these:

- one was funded;
- three were eligible but not funded; and
- eleven were ineligible.

All applications received by the Department for RDAF Round One were assessed according to the eligibility criteria set out in section 4.7 of the RDAF Guidelines.

Eligible applications were assessed on their individual and relative merits according to the selection criteria set out in section 4.8 of the Guidelines.

The RDAF Advisory Panel took into consideration the following points in making their recommendations to the Minister (section 5.1 of the Round One Guidelines):

- the outcomes that will be achieved;
- the project's viability;

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- the applicant's viability;
- the project's sustainability;
- the project's value for money; and
- historical performance with regard to previous grant funding.