RUN welcomes Regional Australia Institute

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) welcomes the establishment of the Regional Australia Institute by the Federal Government and acknowledges the important role of Independents Rob Oakeshott and Tony Windsor in its formation.

Attending the launch of the Institute in Canberra this week, the Chair of RUN, Professor David Battersby, congratulated the new CEO of the Institute, Su McCluskey, and its Chair, Mal Peters.

“There are significant opportunities for collaboration between the Institute and RUN and for profiling the research conducted at regional universities which is benefitting regional communities,” Professor Battersby said.

At the launch of the Institute, the Minister for Regional Australia, Simon Crean, reaffirmed the Federal Government’s commitment to ensuring that regional communities had access to research opportunities as a means of strengthening their economies and accommodating to changes in the national economy.

“We support the role of the Institute in its provision of independent information and advice for communities, industries and governments and as an important link between academia and policy,” Professor Battersby said.

“RUN congratulates Institute Board member, Professor Sandra Harding, for her contribution to the Institute’s formation and for her ongoing advocacy of regional universities and their key role in research and policy development especially within the broader communities they serve.”

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