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Quarterly Report to the Region

April to June 2022



TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal achieves 54% funding
2. Telstra-UOW AIOT Hub Advisory Council chaired by RDA Illawarra CEO
3. Illawarra Sports & Entertainment Precinct Business Case funding provided in NSW Budget
4. RDA Illawarra Submissions support continued Steelmaking and Mining
5. Skilled Migration delivers outcomes for Illawarra region

Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal achieves 54% funding

The Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal has now achieved 54% of target funding in just 20 months since its launch in October 2020.

Recently started projects that were part of the 2020 Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Prospectus have received total funding of over \$470M.

The diverse range of transformative regional initiatives include funding for planning a rejuvenated Illawarra Sports & Entertainment Precinct, the construction of waste recovery and landfill reduction facility in the Shoalhaven and further planning funds for Picton Road connecting to Western Sydney.



Read more about the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal collaborative [here](#).
[Quarter 3 Update](#)

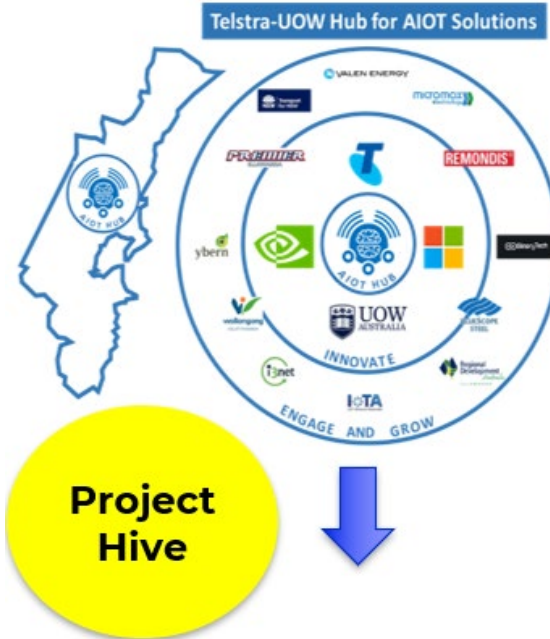
Telstra-UOW AIOT Hub Advisory Council Chaired by Debra Murphy



RDA Illawarra CEO, Debra Murphy, is delighted to have been invited to Chair the Advisory Council for the Telstra-UOW Hub for Artificial Intelligence Of Things (AIOT) Solutions.

Telstra-UOW Hub for Artificial Intelligence Of Things (AIOT) Solutions

Delivering innovative, cost-effective and fit-for-purpose AIOT solutions for communities, enterprises and governments.



Transport



Waste



Water



Manufacturing



Illawarra Sports & Entertainment Precinct Business Case funding provided in NSW Budget

RDA Illawarra has long supported the development of the Illawarra Sports & Entertainment Precinct (ISEP), along with the region's Peak Bodies. Our advocacy work has been ongoing and included recent correspondence to the NSW Treasurer and Minister for Tourism & Sport, on behalf of the Peak Bodies.

We congratulate Wollongong City Council on their recent [report](#) and Business Illawarra on their [report](#) which contributed to our collaborative advocacy for ISEP.

In June 2022, the NSW Government announced \$3.5 million in the budget (\$4.5 million recurrent expenses over two years) to develop a detailed business case and Master Plan for ISEP.

We welcomed this announcement and look forward to working with Venues NSW, the NSW Government and our Peak Bodies to deliver a business case which will enable development of a thriving regional visitor economy and jobs growth.



Submissions support Steelmaking and Mining in the Illawarra



Submission to NSW Department of Planning and Environment

BlueScope Blast Furnace 6 Reline Project (SSI-22545215)

Submitted by RDA – Illawarra

Read the Submission [here.](#)

RDA Illawarra has written two submissions this quarter in support of continued coal mining and steelmaking in the Illawarra region:

1. BlueScope No. 6 Blast Furnace Reline Project – capital investment >\$800m and supports 4,500 direct and 10,00 indirect jobs
2. Dendrobium Mine Extension Project – additional 50 jobs and secure over 1,800 jobs



Submission to NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123)

Submitted by RDA – Illawarra

Read the Submission [here.](#)

Skilled Migration delivers outcomes for Illawarra region



RDA Illawarra has administered two visa classes for the past 18 months:

- 494 visas - Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa
- 491 visas - Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa.

Our nominations in the last year to June 2022 are provided in terms of the occupations and countries of skilled migrants to the Illawarra region.

RDA Illawarra Board

More information on the RDA Illawarra Board members can be found [here](#).

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