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The Hon Simon Crean MP comes to the Shoalhaven to talk funding.

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP met today with Councillors, local MP's, local business and community members to discuss Regional Development Australia Funding.

Council summarised its three priorities for Regional Development Australia funding submissions – the Oallen Bridge upgrade to have the 5 tonne load limit lifted, upgrades to Albatross Aviation Technology Park water and power infrastructure and the completion of the sealing of Turpentine Road.



The Minister took time to talk to local media and congratulated Shoalhaven City Council on its efforts in presenting issues that are supported by the community and across other Council areas. He challenged everyone involved to use the Regional Development Australia organisation as a gateway to access other State and Federal Government funds.

“Communities themselves are starting to join the dots between the spending of infrastructure funding, of health funding, of education funding and what can be delivered through the national broadband network.” Mr Crean said. “It makes economic and social sense”.

Shoalhaven City Council's Economic Development Manager, Greg Pullen called local business and community into action “We are looking for support from all areas of community, industry and government agencies to put pen to paper to make this proposal strong” said Mr Pullen.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said ...“We are united with one heart for a sustainable future for our area. The projects talked about today are the life blood to our city.”

“The Oallen Bridge is located on a main artery for our industry, tourism and community as well as our quality of life. We stand here united to build a stronger community for the future of our families” Cllr Green said

Council will complete submissions to be included for the \$100 million first round of RDA funding due May 13.

For further information on councils Regional Development Australia Funding submissions, you can contact our Media Manager on (02) 4429 3595, or visit Council's internet site at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

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