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Dear Wayne

**RE: Building Better Regions Fund- Rail Trail**

Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North offers our full support for the District Council of Mount Remarkable bid to develop the Rail Trail for sustainable development and job creation to the Building Better Regions Fund.

RDAYMN is an incorporated organisation funded by federal, state and local government. Our main goal is to promote and facilitate sustainable community and economic development within the regions of Yorke, Mid North and the Southern Flinders Ranges. We have a particular interest in building the capacity of the region through provision of business development support, in particular supporting novel initiatives which will in turn yield jobs outcomes.

The proposal to establish a rail trail is an ideal tourism venture due to the picturesque settings, cycling and nature activities available in the area. This project offers unique attributes and would be a substantial addition to the region, driving opportunities to boost the economy for surrounding services. The District Council of Mount Remarkable has a focus on redevelopment of several recreational facilities within the district, with the intention of promoting tourism attractions for travellers within the Flinders & Outback region.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable has a long history in successfully managing tourism assets, including the Melrose Caravan Park which runs at capacity during peak tourism visitation including Easter, school holidays and long weekends. It is aware of the increased demands for tourism in the Southern Flinders and has the expertise to successfully develop this project. In addition Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North has identified, with its councils partners, through the Southern Flinders Adventure Tourism Strategy that developing more recreational activities close to existing towns in the region will be essential to building tourism demand and enhancing visitor experience.

As such, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North fully support the District Council of Mount Remarkable in their Building Better Regions funding application for developing the Rail Trail.

Yours sincerely



**Kelly-Anne Saffin**  
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**Local Government Partners**

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District Council of Mount Remarkable | Northern Areas Council  
District Council of Peterborough | Wakefield Regional Council  
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