



## The Hon Michael McCormack MP

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Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Leader of The Nationals  
Federal Member for Riverina

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Dear Mayor

I am writing to advise you that the Building Better Region Fund (Round Five) Guidelines have been published for potential applicants to review prior to applications opening on January 12, 2021.

Having the guidelines available prior to the application period opening will allow potential applicants to carefully consider the requirements, and to make an informed decision about applying for funding through the BBRF. It will enable applicants to start sourcing supporting documentation to assist in the preparation of a quality application.

As in previous rounds, the BBRF aims to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional and remote communities into the future.

This round is supporting the Australian Government's broader response to assist Australia to 'Come Back' by investing in 'shovel-ready' projects that support communities and regions from the devastating bushfires of early 2020, the effects of the prolonged drought, and now as regions emerge from the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BBRF Round Five will have \$100 million dedicated to support tourism-related infrastructure, the other \$100 million will support regional and remote Australia more broadly, by funding Infrastructure Projects and Community Investment projects.

Further information is available at [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf) including the Guidelines, Factsheet, and Frequently Asked Questions.

Applicants can also contact the AusIndustry Business Grants Hub on 13 28 46 for any other assistance.

Applications will close on 5 March 2021 and successful applicants are expected to be announced in mid-2021.

I look forward to seeing BBRF continuing to make a difference in regional communities throughout regional Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael McCormack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael McCormack