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## ORANA

# Regional Investment Framework

The RIF sets out a new approach to delivering regional investment, coordinating across governments to make investment work better for regions and placing regions and their people at the centre of decision making.

The Framework supports a joined-up and cohesive approach to seizing opportunities and responding to challenges across Australia's diverse regions. The Framework supports the Government's commitments to valuing local voices and priorities; informed and evidence-based decision making; and delivery of investment in our regions with integrity and transparency.

Under the Framework, government investment will be targeted and support better outcomes for regional people, the places they live in, the services they rely on, and the regional industries and economies that are core to Australia's prosperity.

Working in genuine partnerships with communities, other levels of government and the private sector, the Australian Government is committed to positioning our regions to take advantage of a transitioning world - ensuring no one is held back or left behind.

### Guiding principles

- Realising the Government's ambition of "no one held back and no one left behind" requires specific regional investment across all portfolios.
- Australia's regions and their economies are diverse, with each having unique strengths and challenges.
- Delivering on the potential of regional Australia requires building on each region's unique strengths, including helping regions undergoing significant economic change to transition or adapt to specific structural challenges.
- Place-based decision making that draws on the experience of local government alongside regional bodies must guide investment in our regions.

### Focus priority areas:

- Putting people at the forefront of growth, with local voices influencing decision making
- Targeted and place-based investment that enables communities to thrive
- Investment in regional services with a focus on improving quality and accessibility
- Ensuring regional industries and economies are positioned for sustainable growth.

## Document checklist for Orana DAMA

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