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SEEKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN CHRISTMAS ISLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE WORKING GROUP

I am calling for residents to express their interest in being part of the new Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group (EFWG).

The EFWG will be responsible for identifying practical solutions to the economic challenges facing Christmas Island. The Group will bring industry, business, and community representatives together to discuss ideas, reach consensus positions and develop a shared voice on the community's vision for the future of Christmas Island.

As Chair of the Committee, I am seeking three community members to join the EFWG.

Its primary purpose is to seek opportunities for members to individually and collectively improve economic resilience and sustainability in consideration of the island's shared aspirations. It will seek alignment of implementable actions through a comprehensive and collaborative approach.

EFWG members will be invited to provide their views on matters raised by the Administrator. They will also be able to raise ideas or matters of importance to the broader community in relation to the following:

- The economic transition and development of Christmas Island
- The use, allocation, and development of land on Christmas Island and future investment
- Infrastructure and community assets and amenities
- Investment opportunities and sectoral issues (eg tourism, small businesses & enterprise)
- Workforce development

It will not be a decision-making body, but the Group can provide advice to the Australian Government through myself as Administrator. The EFWG, while focused on Christmas Island, is encouraged to consider the potential impacts of its initiatives on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI). It should actively seek areas of common ground on which to collaborate with CKI businesses or groups.

The three community members will be appointed for a period of 12 months, with consideration given to the cultural and ethnic diversity of CI when selecting community members. The other members of the group will be representatives from key stakeholders on Christmas Island. The Group will meet every two months or otherwise as advised at the discretion of the Administrator.

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I encourage anyone who has the ability to engage with the community and to provide informed and well-thought-out advice on the economic future of Christmas Island to apply.

If you are interested in representing your community as a member of the working group, please email me at IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au or call me on (+61) 8 9164 7959 for further information. Applications will close at 5pm Christmas Island time on 26 July 2024.

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