Review of Regional Tourism Structures & Working Relationships

The chairs of South Australia's 11 (non-metropolitan) 'tourism regions', with the support of the SATC, are undertaking a review of 'regional tourism structures and working relationships'. Local Government has been identified as a key stakeholder in the review and the LGA has attended a number of workshops on behalf of the sector.

Background information provided by the consultants included a summary of the 11 Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) as well as an overview of the importance of tourism to the SA economy, summarised below:

- one in 15 people in SA (or 6.6% of those working in SA) are working directly or indirectly in tourism;
- for every $160,000 of tourism expenditure, one new job in tourism is created (tourism is a high employer); and
- total tourism contributions in SA, both direct and indirect, are 5.9% - for Adelaide this is 4.1% but for regional South Australia, it's 10.9%.

The LGA has been coordinating Local Government participation in the Review and the final report is expected to be released in March 2016.