ATTACHMENT 2

FACILITATOR PROFILES

Tracy Scott-Rimington – SEQ RDA Coordinator

Tracy worked as a Regional Development Officer for RDA Brisbane for five months, including developing the 2012 Regional Roadmap, before being appointed SEQ Coordinator in August 2012. Prior to these positions, Tracy worked for the Cairns Region Economic Development Corporation for 13 years as Industry Development Strategist, CEO and Cluster Project Manager, implementing a cluster-based program for economic development. More recently she has undertaken private consultancies in cluster development and strategic planning. Tracy participates on a number of committees associated with regional development including the Enterprise Connect Innovative Regions Centre, The Competitiveness Institute, the Australian Innovation Festival Regional Advisory Committee and the North Australia Economic Development Forum. Tracy has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy, has undertaken postgraduate studies in Adult Learning and Population Studies and is currently studying International Development through the London School of Economics.

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Margaret Blade commenced as Executive Officer of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Brisbane in July 2010, where she manages the implementation of strategies to drive the economic and community betterment of Brisbane through partnerships between the three levels of government, business and community. She is also Secretary of the RDA South East Queensland Coordinator Steering Committee, which oversees a project fostering collaboration between the seven RDAs across SEQ.

Previous to this current role she was the Partnership Broker Manager for Worklinks Inc, where she established a team in the Logan and West Moreton regions which developed school-business-community partnerships under the Federal Government’s National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions.

Prior to that, she worked for 14 years in the role of Executive Officer of the former Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee (ACC), where she facilitated and oversaw funding to community and economic development projects across Brisbane, Logan and Redlands; planned, implemented and managed several whole of government projects in small business assistance and Indigenous training and employment, and organised activities to build community capacity.

Margaret is no stranger to regional and remote areas, having grown up in rural NSW and beginning her education at a one-teacher primary school. She has travelled to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in NSW, Queensland and the NT while working for a former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and more recently managed and oversaw 2 training projects for CDEPs in the Cape and Gulf areas auspiced by the Greater Brisbane ACC.

Margaret has a Master of Professional Studies from the University of Southern Queensland and she serves as Secretary of the Queensland chapter of Economic Development Australia, the national professional body for economic development practitioners.

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