

2015 SEGRA SUMMARY by Simon Boughey

A general thank you given to all that attended and the way to keep the conversations going:

- SEGRA Communiqué to be out in early December 2015;
- Facebook and Twitter;
- SEGRA Website;
- Networks, business cards; and
- Talking to each other and keeping the conversations going

Key areas the it have come forward over the past 3 days and again tomorrow

1. The Welcome to the Waradjari Country and a sense of place and protection;
2. All of our own sense of place and the challenges they face;
3. Regional landscapes that are a mixture of physical, social, economic, cultural and environmental inputs;
4. Conversations to be had from an your neighbour up to the Prime Minister and the networks that need to be used to make the most of the conversations;
5. Entrepreneurs , catalysts and crocodiles and the roles they play;
6. Leadership at all levels;
7. Policies for the future to be open and expansive;
8. Technology and the way we can use it to assist the regional and remote projects and services;
9. Governance and the need for strong compliance;
10. Waves of change and the ripple affects like we have on the SEGRA map of Australia; and
11. All of your ongoing input into the projects and work you do and the conversations to be had before we meet once again in Albany, Western Australia in October 2016.

CHALLENGE 4

How might we deliver good governance in Regional Australia by 2050?

Governance is not a Circus

The Pitch

Government Hat – For too long the governance of Australia has been with the Crown with our 6 States and 2 Territories and the 563 iterations below that with local and regional and other bodies.

Winds of Change Hat – The winds of change are blowing towards 2050.

Are they a zephyr, sea breeze, storm, cyclone or the apathetic wind?

Is it *Gone with the Wind* and “*Frankly my dear I don’t give a dam*”.

The Voice of the People Hat – Enough is Enough, We are sick of the churn, Its time for a Change , and as Gough Whitlam said “Its Time “.

The Problem

The Crown says there is no problem;

The People say there is ;

Our Boundaries don’t align and we never get heard;

So let’s get rid of the Federal government, State Governments, and Local governments;

The Crown say no , the people say yes;

The Crown says we need to change the Constitution;

The people say we want to change the governments.

Meanwhile the Winds of Change continue to blow from all our voices with some new ideas:

- Local and regional areas;
- Areas without Borders;
- Systemic Inquiries;
- Virtual Regions
- Collaborations
- NRM and RDA aligned and also with state regional boundaries.

Some early Models are developing and being talked about:

<p>Queensland</p> <p>City State, Regional councils and Just the rest out west.</p>	<p>Tasmania</p> <p>29 councils amalgamated into 3 regional councils along traditional areas of agreement.</p> <p>2, 3 or 4 reps from each Regional Council area nominated to sit in the lower House of Assembly for 4 year terms.</p> <p>So 25 plus 6, 25 plus 9 or 25 plus 12.</p>
<p>25 States</p> <p>Made up of City States and Regional States as Suggested by Richard Murray in 2012 in his paper.</p>	<p>New South Wales</p> <p>Aligning the RDA areas and the Stat Government regional boundaries like Western Australia has or use the Victoria model nationally.</p>
<p>Yugoslavian Model</p> <p>Break up into 7 countries and the ACT.</p>	<p>Your ideas and models</p> <p>For a desire for change and our voiced to be heard.</p>

To be continued and resurface again in Albany WA in October 2016.....