



**Rural Economies Centre of Excellence
Annual Forum
1 & 2 October 2019, USQ, Toowoomba Campus**

Day One					
Tuesday, 1 October 2019					
5.30pm - 6.30pm	We all be rooned, but it's a great place to live: Negotiating contradictory narratives of rurality for more effective policy-making Presented by Professor Geoff Cockfield, USQ				Alison Dickson Lecture Theatre H102
6.30pm - 7.30pm	Welcome Drinks and Canapes				
Day Two					
Wednesday, 2 October 2019					
9.00am - 9.30am	Arrival & Registration/Welcome to country MC : A/Prof Ben Lyons, Director RECoE				Alison Dickson Lecture Theatre H102
09.30am - 09.45am	Welcome: Professor Geraldine Mackenzie , USQ Vice Chancellor				
09.45am - 10.15 am	Official Opening and Keynote speaker: the Hon Mark Furner , Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries				
10.15am - 11.00am	Panel: Setting the scene from the FNQ to the far South West: a place-based view of regional economies				
11.00 am - 11.30am	Morning Tea Break				
11.30am - 12.00pm	Connectivity, Disruption and the Digital Economy in Rural Australia. Presenter: Professor Hurriyet Babacan , The Cairns Institute/USQ				
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Entrepreneurship and innovation: New drivers of rural economic development? Presenter: Chad Renando , USQ/StartUp Status				
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Lunch Break				
1.15pm - 3.00pm	Deliberative Discussions breakout groups:				
	Rural Tourism Development	Employment & Skilling	Enabling Economic Development from Infrastructure	Enhancing Agricultural Value Chains	Low Carbon Futures & the Regional Energy mix
	Room K201	Room K203	Room K211	Room K213	Room K301
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Break				Alison Dickson Lecture Theatre H102
3.30pm - 4.15pm	Reconvene and discuss topics from breakout groups: Prof Allan Dale , The Cairns Institute/JCU				
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Policy implications: RECoE Regional Panel				
5.00pm	Summary and close				

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