

BDO ECONSEARCH REGIONAL ANALYSIS - COMPLETED PROJECTS

Project: Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Economic Indicators (2017)

Client: Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Bid

Summary: The Economic Advisory Group to the Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Bid commissioned EconSearch to prepare a data set that will help quantify economic target outcomes for the Bid. The targeted outcomes are:

- Increase awareness - using common language, personalities and imagery
- Increase visitation - numbers, length of stay, average spend
- Increase investment - land prices, employment and agriculture
- Increase premiums - pricing and cost
- Increase innovation - new product, methods and experience.

These data sets include up to five years' historical data and are updatable on an annual basis.

As part of the study a survey of agricultural, food/beverage and tourism businesses within the Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Bid region was undertaken to better understand current business drivers and future business outlook.

Project: Socio-Economic Profile of the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & KI RDA Region (2017)

Client: Regional Development Australia: Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & KI

Summary: An economic profile of the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island Regional Development Australia region for 2015/16 was prepared with the region covering 6 local government areas, namely Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker, Alexandrina, Victor Harbor, Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island and the McLaren Vale region within the Onkaparinga City Council area. Estimates were provided of general socio-economic indicators including demographics, labour force, education and training and income and housing. A detailed economic structure of the regional economy was prepared with detail provided on the economic contribution of tourism to the regional economy.

In order to better understand the vulnerability of the local government areas within the region a community adaptive index was included in the report. The index is calculated as the weighted sum of sub-indices calculated for physical capital, economic capital, human capital and social capital. These capitals represent the endowment of resources available to communities, which are generally agreed to be positively correlated with community adaptive capacity.

Report: To download a copy of the report [click here](#) to visit the Council's website.

Project: Economic Scorecard for City of Mount Gambier and Comparative Regions (2017)

Client: City of Mount Gambier

Summary: The Economic Score Card for the City of Mount Gambier provides a statistical summary of key economic information for the region. This has been provided in the form of an economic profile and additional demographic/employment data. The report also provides economic information in the form of impact analyses of the tourism and retail sectors and the Generations in Jazz festival. In order to provide a context for the City of Mt Gambier data, the report includes economic information for the broader Limestone Coast region and the whole of South Australia.

Report: To download a snapshot of the Economic Score Card [click here](#) to visit the Council's website.

Project: Regional Community Adaptive Capacity Index (2016)

Client: Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)

Summary: EconSearch Pty Ltd was commissioned by the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board to provide a community adaptive capacity index for the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management (SAMDBNRM) region to assist the Board in its planning. The community adaptive capacity index has been developed for eleven socio-ecological systems regions within and overlapping the SAMDBNRM region.

Project: Economic Analysis of the Leigh Creek Strategic Options (2015)

Client: Department of State Development

Collaborators: AECOM

Summary: The township of Leigh Creek has a unique arrangement where the town infrastructure and land are wholly owned by the SA Government and leased by Alinta Energy (Alinta) to service the nearby coal mine. Alinta, under their Flinders Operations, also operates two power stations at Port Augusta which are the only remaining coal-fired generators in South Australia, and the only users of coal from the Leigh Creek mine.

In October of 2015, Alinta announced it would end its Flinders Operation on 31 March 2016. As a result of a sufficient stockpile of coal at the power plants, Alinta also announced that the coal mine would cease operations on the 17 November 2015. The closure of the Leigh Creek coal mine poses significant challenges for the Leigh Creek township. Issues for consideration relate to the loss of jobs, loss of population, a diminishing of the purpose of the township, and the social and economic effects of such decisions.

As a result, the SA Department of State Development (DSD) commissioned a study into the future of the township and its ongoing role and function as a regional service centre. EconSearch were engaged, together with AECOM, to provide a high level analysis of potential economic impacts that may result from the Leigh Creek strategic options. The results of the economic analysis formed part of a broader assessment of the strategic options.



Other completed projects. Contact us for more information.

Virginia and Northern Adelaide Plains Horticultural Study (2013)

Marine Parks Regional Impact Statements (2012)

Socio-Economic Profile of the Adelaide Hills Fleurieu KI RDA Region (2011)

Marine Parks Regional Impact Statement: Proposed Method and Template (2011)

Essential Economics: Economic Considerations for Investment and Future Scenarios (2010)

Port Adelaide Town Centre Benchmarking Report (2009 - 2010)

Northern Australia Land and Water Science Review (2009)

Community Economic Analysis (2009)

Economic Profile of the River Murray Region of South Australia (2009)

Economic and Environmental Indicators for SA and its Regions (2009)