

Call for review to be released

The Nationals have called on the Victorian Government to release its review into regional areas immediately.

Former premier John Brumby has provided the government with his review into 'regional economic development and services'.

But Mr Brumby's 61 recommendations will not be made public until Regional Development Minister Jaala Pulford releases her response in October.

Nationals Leader Peter Walsh said the report must be released now.

"Regional Victorians have every right to be very nervous about this review, considering John Brumby was the architect of the north-south pipeline and desal plant disasters," Mr Walsh said.

"We should not have to wait for the government to now review its own review. Communities deserve to know what Daniel Andrews and Jaala Pulford are considering for their future.

"I already have serious concerns about their Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund, which is already almost half-spent and being used to cost-shift money into Melbourne."

Mr Walsh said it looked like the future growth and prosperity of regional Victoria was being stalled until at least October.

"Regional Victorians are quickly growing sick and tired of the Andrews Labor Government's constant spin and no substance," he said.

The final report of the Review into Regional Economic Development and Services follows four months of extensive consultation by the independent external advisory board.

The board was chaired by Mr Brumby and supported by regional business and community leaders from across Victoria, including Committee for Greater Shepparton chair David McKenzie.

Ms Pulford committed to releasing the report in full as part of a comprehensive, whole-of government response to be delivered by October.

"The Labor Government's response to the review and its recommendations will ensure we maximise the untapped potential of regional Victoria, boosting growth, investment and development across a range of portfolio areas from transport, planning and industry policy to trade, skills and education," she said.



Recognised . . . Radevski Coolstores general manager Peter Radevski has won a national award.

Environmental award

Radevski Coolstores general manager Peter Radevski has been recognised with a National Award for Excellence in the environmental category by Apple & Pear Australia Ltd.

The Shepparton coolstore business grades, stores and packs fruit for the apple and pear industry and Mr Radevski received the award for upgrading Radevski Coolstores to ensure the use of more environmentally-friendly refrigerants and reduce electricity use.

The \$1.15 million upgrade in 2013 saw the Radevski coolstores at two sites (on Swainston Rd and Benalla Rd) converted to using ammonia as the refrigerant to replace the existing HCFC systems.

Mr Radevski also implemented the use of variable speed drives throughout the coolstores, voltage power optimisation, solar panels, LED lighting and electronic doors on some coolrooms.

Judges said the sites showcased "state-of-the-art

energy efficient technologies for the fruit industry".

The Swainston site upgrade resulted in a 60 per cent reduction in the site's maximum electrical demand, with corresponding savings in costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Winners of the 2015 APAL National Awards for Excellence were:

- Grower of the Year Award: Brad Fankhauser.
- Young Grower of the Year Award: Joel Brockhoff.
- Rising Star of the Year Award:

Joyce Ceravolo and Joseph Ceravolo.

■ Women in Horticulture Award: Susie Green.

■ Environmental Award: Peter Radevski.

■ Innovative Marketing Award: Dane Griggs.

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