



An Australian Government Initiative



Regional Development and RDA Central West

*Economic Development Community Committee
Orange City Council, 6 April 2016*



Today

- Regional Development Australia and our work
- Our region
- Current priorities
- Adding Value to Agriculture

RDA Central West



Expectations of RDA Committees

- 3-5 Year Regional Plan for economic development
- Advice to Government on critical issues
- Activities to drive economic development priorities (through regional engagement)
- Assist community stakeholders develop project proposals
- Promote Australian Government programs

Key Recent Activities

- Central West Freight Study
- Invest NSW Central West
- Infrastructure Prioritisation
- Export / Import Contribution Project
- Annual Agribusiness Forums





INVEST NSW CENTRAL WEST

- Support the case for investing in the Central West
- Showcases local champions
- Opportunities and emerging industries
- Key industry sectors and demographics

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NSW Central West

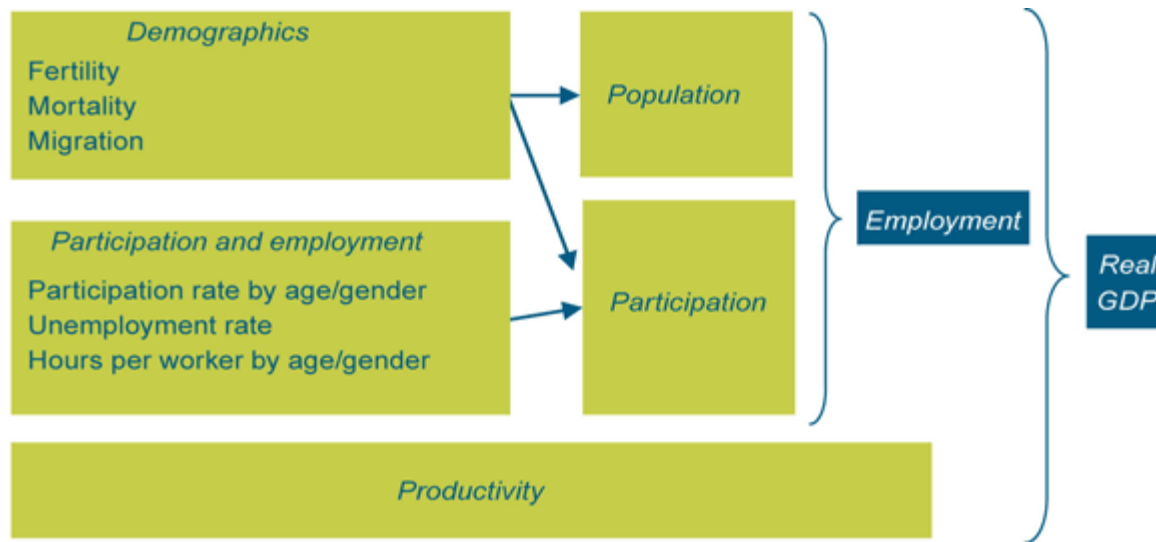


NSW Central West Economy

Industry	% GRP Contribution
Mining	22% <i>(13.3% of NSW output)</i>
Manufacturing	7.5%
Agriculture and Forestry	7.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7.3%
Public Administration and Safety	6.1%
Education and Training	6.0%

Determinants of Economic Growth

- Population
- Participation
- Productivity



Source: Treasury, Intergenerational Report 2007

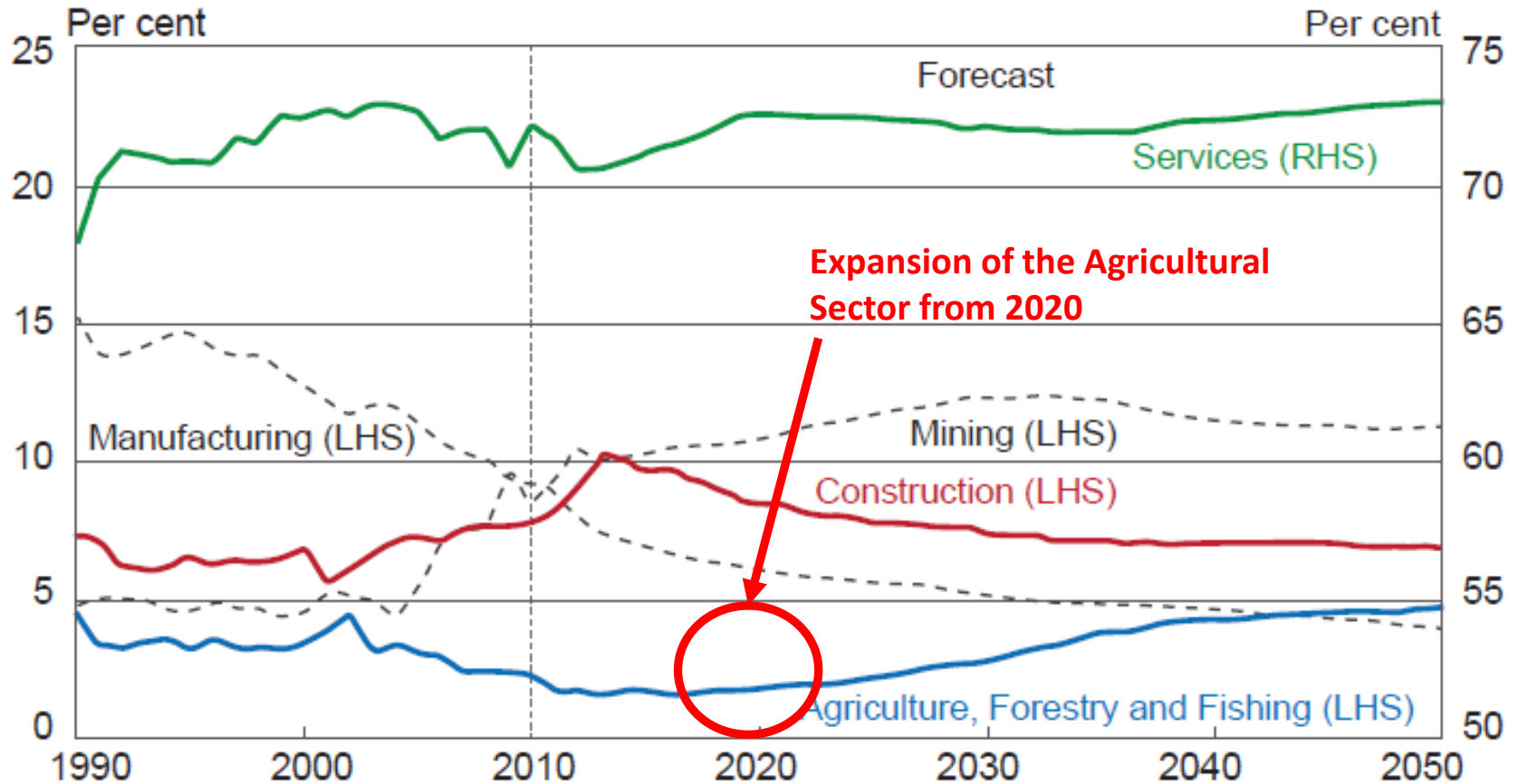
Long Term Enablers

- Human capital
- Sustainable (economic, environmental and social) communities and population growth
- Access to international, national and regional markets
- Comparative advantage and business competitiveness

Current Priorities

- Two regional growth projects in progress
 - Agricultural value adding opportunities
 - Inland Rail economic opportunities
- Telecommunications Infrastructure
- Building regional capability – funding etc.
- Getting more people thinking regionally and collaborating

Forecast Consumption of GDP



Agriculture - Value Add

- 65% of agricultural production is exported without value adding
- Examine what's happening now
- Market opportunities and trends
- Impediments and barriers
- Export development – Asia and elsewhere
- Identify some of the more promising prospects

Agriculture Value Add Project

- Due for completion end June 2016
- Consultations with leading agribusinesses and producers
- What are they doing now, where are the opportunities?
- Use of case studies and economic assessment
- Opportunities presented by FTAs

Further Information

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