

Townsville Regional Outlook conference

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Townsville, QLD





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Registration includes:

- conference entry
- access to ABARES recent publications
- morning and afternoon tea and lunch
- delegate directory
- profile data – *about my region*

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Please share this brochure with anyone who may be interested in attending.

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8.30 AM Registration

Investing in rural industries – growing our future

CHAIR **Craig Zonca**
ABC Rural

9.00 AM Welcome to Country
Opening address

9.30 AM **Lisa Elliston**
ABARES
*National and international issues
affecting Queensland*

9.50 AM **Michael Growder**
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
*Agriculture, trade, foreign investment and FTAs
– the Australian situation*

10.10 AM Questions and discussion

10.30 AM Morning tea

Growing the northern beef industry

CHAIR **Adam West**
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries QLD

11.00 AM **Jeff Sabburg**
Bureau of Meteorology
Climate information: it's all in the timing

11.20 AM **Trish Gleeson**
ABARES
Commodity outlook and issues

11.40 AM **Michael Lyons**
Wambiana Station
Working with nature for sustainable profits

12.00 PM **Emma Robinson**
Caerphilly Station/2016 Queensland RIRDC
Rural Woman of the Year
*The beef co-op project: promoting cooperative
agriculture in the beef industry*

12.20 PM Questions and discussion

1.00 PM Lunch

Unlocking the production potential of the north

CHAIR **Paul Woodhouse**
Regional Development Australia Townsville
and North West

2.00 PM **Michael Kitchener**
Office of Northern Australia
*The role of the Office of Northern Australia
in agriculture*

2.20 PM **Peter Stone**
CSIRO
*Land and water potentially available to
irrigated agriculture in the north*

2.40 PM **Russell Ford**
Rice Research Australia
Agricultural diversification in the north

3.00 PM **Trent De Paoli**
Austchilli
Value adding in horticulture to grow

3.20 PM Questions and discussion

4.00 PM Close and afternoon tea