



Media Release

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Peter Kenny – a true visionary for rural Queensland

The RNA is deeply saddened by the passing of councillor Peter Kenny, a man of great advocacy, passion and vision for rural Queensland.

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny expressed the heartfelt sympathy of all at the RNA to Peter's wife Hillary, their four children and extended families.

"It's a very sad time for so many people whose lives have been touched by the lobbying work Peter had undertaken on their behalf across the country," Mr Tunny said.

"The RNA was very fortunate to have a man of his calibre on our council and our thoughts are with Peter's family at this very difficult and sad time."

Mr Tunny said Peter was appointed to the RNA Council in December 2008 and was a member of the Dairy Committee.

"He was a great supporter and friend to many at the RNA and will be sadly missed," he said.

"He brought great energy and enthusiasm to our organisation particularly for education and bridging the city / country divide through the Royal Queensland Show.

"He was a man of vision and believed in cementing a strong future for the RNA and the Ekka through the RNA Showgrounds Regeneration Project."

Mr Tunny said his lobbying efforts on behalf of farmers brought their issues into the national spotlight and had helped countless families particularly during the worst drought in many decades.

"He was a true champion of the bush and brought those talents to the RNA, we will be forever grateful for his service," he said.

Peter was also a past president of AgForce, a member of the Cape York Heritage Committee, represented Queensland agriculture on the Premier's Advisory Council on Climate Change and was Chair of the Expert Panel looking at the Social Impact of Drought in Australia for the Federal Government. He was also a Director on the Board of QR National Limited and Chair of Primary Industries Week Inc. He was also Chair of Biosecurity Queensland, a member of the National Biosecurity Advisory Council and was a member of the National Landcare Advisory Council.

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