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STRONGER REGIONS THROUGH DECENTRALISATION

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The Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd has welcomed the announcement from the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack and the Minister for Decentralisation Bridget McKenzie that new positions will be created in Flynn under the Liberal National's decentralisation agenda.

"With regional Australia producing 70 per cent of Australia's exports with just 30 per cent of the population, we know that strong regions mean a strong Australia," Mr O'Dowd said today.

"Our decentralisation agenda is all about boosting economic growth in our regions and creating jobs. We know that the lifestyle in the regions is fantastic and now we can demonstrate that great career opportunities are also available."

Up to 69 new jobs will be created across various regional centres through new or relocated positions at the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) and the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

AMSA will deliver up to 50 new jobs by establishing offices in Coffs Harbour and three in Airlie Beach, as well as expanding its existing regional footprint to provide up to 16 further positions in Hobart, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Darwin, Geraldton, Karratha and Port Hedland.

"We know that through proper planning, decentralisation helps boost local economies and builds increased career and employment pathways for those Australians looking for new or improved job prospects," Mr O'Dowd said today.

"The recent House of Representatives Inquiry into decentralisation found that regional communities understand the benefits of the policy and was very receptive to any move by government departments into their region.

"With many Australians now looking outside of capital cities to purchase a home and raise their children, our decentralisation agenda provides the perfect opportunity for more people to live in our regions."

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