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#### **Sector leaders to discuss tech opportunities for Isaac**

Key technological advances in both the mining and agricultural sectors will be discussed at a roundtable to be held in Moranbah in October, to investigate business and economic development opportunities for the Isaac region.

Hosted by the Smart Transformation Project, the Smart Transformation 4IR Agriculture/Mining Roundtable is bringing together leaders from the two industries, along with local sector representatives.

Smart Transformation aims to prepare the communities of Dysart and Moranbah for technological change, and facilitator Mitch Innes said the Roundtable was a priority identified through consultation with the local communities.

“The resources and agricultural sectors are facing a future of significant technological change – with some key similarities,” Mitch said.

“Over the next decade, these sectors may provide opportunities for existing and new businesses in Moranbah and Dysart, along with new employment opportunities, which haven’t yet been explored.”

The Smart Transformation 4IR Agriculture/Mining Roundtable will provide a platform to learn about key tech advancements in both sectors and the work being undertaken by economic development agencies to support these opportunities.

Presenters include:

- Robert Cocco, Regional Development Australia (MIW)
- Andrew Barger, Queensland Resources Council Policy Director
- Dr Sharna Glover, Executive Director Robotics Australia Group
- Tonia Wilson, Greater Whitsunday Alliance

“By considering the infrastructure and resourcing advantages of Moranbah and Dysart (which include a skilled workforce, electricity supply, connectivity and future available land) it is hoped that sharing information will highlight available opportunities for the Isaac region, along with increased understanding of the employment opportunities and pathways,” Mitch said.

The Roundtable is being held on 26 October from 1pm, and those interested can register at [smartransformation@outlook.com](mailto:smartransformation@outlook.com).

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