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Blueprint issues

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KEY issues in rural and regional Queensland were addressed at AgForce's Blueprint for the Bush Symposium in Toowoomba last week.

The symposium marked the end of the consultation phase as more than 100 stakeholders got down to business and began developing the actual blueprint.

Guest speakers included AgForce president Peter Kenny, Communities Minister Warren Pitt, Imbcom chief executive officer Peter Isdale, Australian Farm Institute executive director Mick Keogh, Wentworth Group chair Leith Bouilly and ABC Country Hour's Robin McConchie.

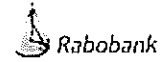
Among the core areas they addressed were health and other family services, local economic and community development, education and training, small business development and improved infrastructure.

Mr Kenny said among the specific strategies AgForce wanted included in the blueprint were:

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