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New economic landscape offers fresh opportunities

THE Central Highlands' changing economic landscape has presented opportunities in new areas, while the drop in resource demand has enabled the region to become more affordable and attractive to families.

Central Highlands Development Corporation general manager Sandra Hobbs yesterday said the region's economic mix had changed and was now more stabilised.

Ms Hobbs said agriculture, tourism and the construction industry all presented opportunities moving forward.

She said confidence was returning for small businesses, with some in the region expecting growth in 2016.

Initiatives such as the meat and oil seed processing plants would also create employment in the future.

"The Highlands is a great place to bring up a family," Ms Hobbs said.