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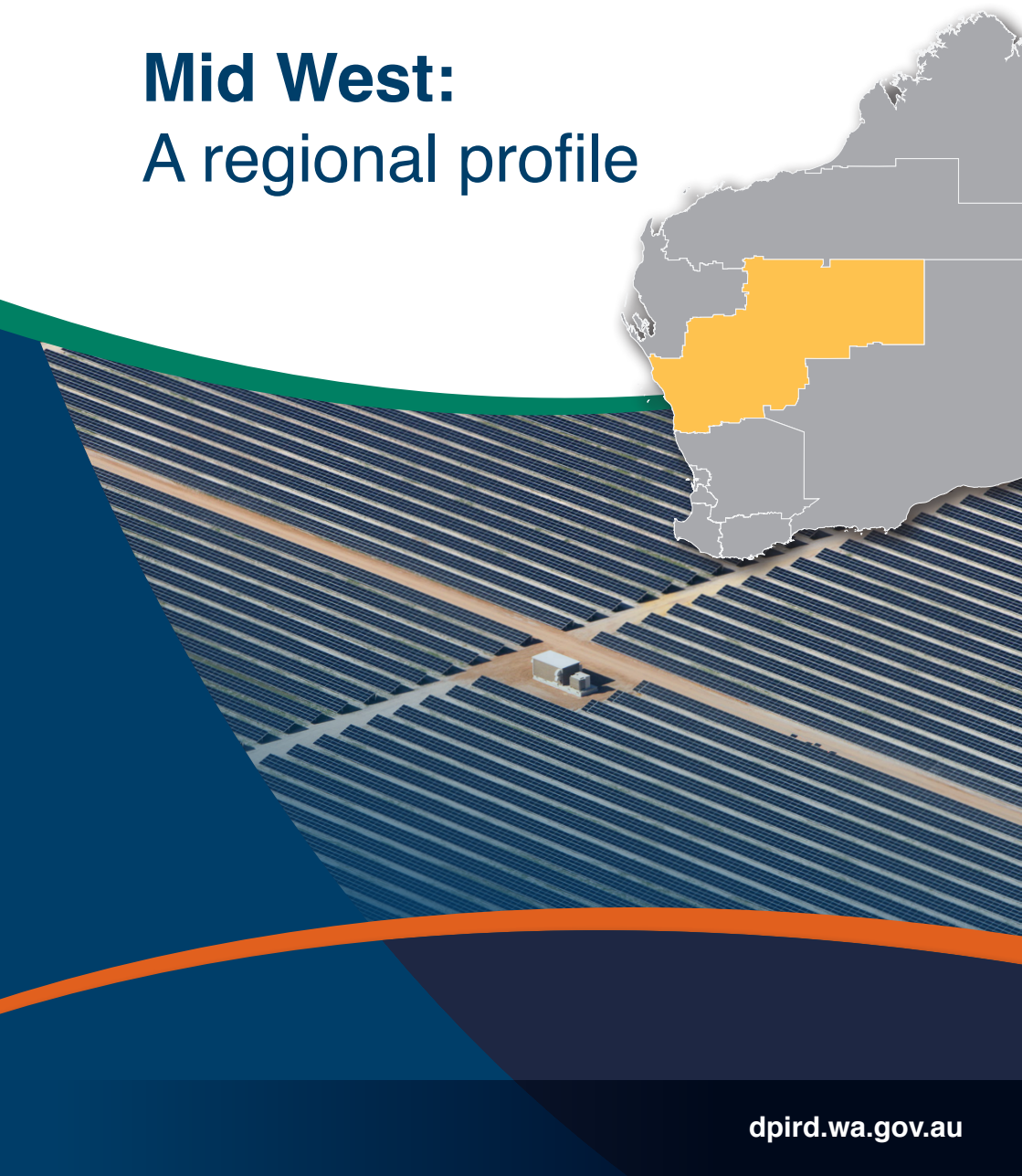
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Mid West: A regional profile



The Mid West region covers nearly one-fifth of Western Australia's land area, spanning around 478,000 square kilometres. The region's expansive land mass includes unique natural environments with long stretches of coastline with occasional limestone cliffs, scenic sand plains, saline plains and breakaways. The region is one of only five areas in the world with both marine and terrestrial biodiversity hotspots of national or international significance.

The Mid West is an extremely diverse minerals province. Production is a major contributor to the region's economy. The emergence of China and other major industrialised economies has stimulated further interest in the region's ample mineral resources, particularly magnetite and iron ore.

The Mid West economy also has valuable agriculture, fishing, retail and tourism sectors. Diversification and value-adding across all sectors (eg. aquaculture and horticulture), combined with a strengthening of the region's strategic infrastructure and further development of its tourism potential, is expected to support continued regional growth.



Facts



Home of the 'Square Kilometre Array' – the largest and most capable radio telescope ever constructed



Has an established and growing renewable energy sector



Has a 3,000ha Aquaculture Development Zone and emerging finfish aquaculture industry



Hosts the oldest minerals dating back four billion years



Mingenew has the largest inland facility for grain in the southern hemisphere



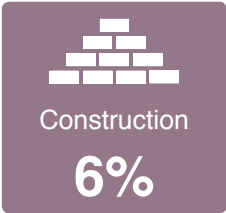
Geraldton has the second largest grain export terminal in Australia



Geraldton averages only 80 cloudy days each year

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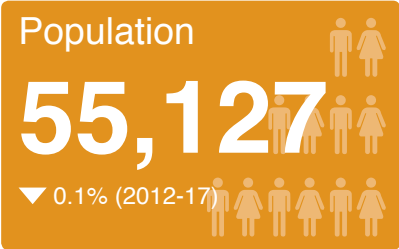


Source: DPIRD 2017 Gross Regional Product (GRP); ABS State Accounts (5220.0); ABS 2016 Census data.

Employment



Community



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016 Census of Population and Housing



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