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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of **Planning**

Department of **Local Government and Communities**

Department of **Regional Development**

Aligned and integrated delivery of services to regional Western Australia

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Introduction

The Western Australian economy continues to be the strongest in Australia.

Significant opportunities are available for Western Australia to prosper from growth through its diversified economy, mainly driven by its mineral resources and agricultural commodities. There is also potential to further develop these and other industries.


To maximise Western Australia's strategic advantage in prospering from these opportunities requires the State Government to be committed to building strong and resilient regional communities and for there to be greater coordination, alignment and integration.

To achieve this outcome the Directors General of the Departments of Local Government and Communities (DLGC), Planning (DoP), and Regional Development (DRD) are working together to maximise the benefits of their departments' and other agencies activities and services.

The aim of having a closer working relationship is to provide better planning for regional investment and local government service delivery to support robust regional communities with a future. This is enhanced through better delivery of planning and funding including Royalties for Regions (RfR) and other funding sources that deliver more effective infrastructure and services.

The closer working relationship of the three departments also supports the Ministers responsible for Local Government and Community Services, Planning and Regional Development. This will fulfill the State Government's goals to provide effective regional policy, planning, development and service delivery coordination to maintain and expand the State's strong economic position.

The following State Planning and Development Framework diagram outlines the State's planning and development process schematically, showing how planning, local government and regional development initiatives work together with the ultimate aim of providing State and local governments with the capacity to make better decisions faster.



State Planning and Development Framework

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

INFRASTRUCTURE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE

STATE PLANNING STRATEGY

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Regional Investment Blueprint Framework

Regional Investment Blueprints

- Gascoyne
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Great Southern
- Kimberley
- Mid West
- Peel
- Pilbara
- South West
- Wheatbelt

Regional Investment Initiatives including:

- Gascoyne Revitalisation
- Ord Stage 2
- Pilbara Cities
- Regional Centres

Strategic Community Plan

Corporate Business Plan

Annual Budget

Informing Strategies:

- Asset Management;
- Long Term Financial Planning;
- Workforce Planning.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED PLANNING

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUND

PLANNING

State Planning Policy Framework

Region Schemes, Regional Strategies and Policies

- Bunbury
- Peel
- Perth

Regional Planning & Infrastructure Framework

- Gascoyne
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Great Southern
- Kimberley
- Mid West
- Perth/Peel (*Directions 2031*)
- Pilbara
- South West
- Wheatbelt

Regional Planning Initiatives for example:

- regional economic and employment strategies
- regional social infrastructure requirements studies
- regional population growth scenarios studies
- regional infrastructure project activation and benefits studies

Local Planning Strategies

Local planning schemes, Landuse Structure Plans

Roles and responsibilities of DoP, DRD and DLGC and Description of Main Initiatives as shown in the State Planning and Development Framework Diagram

(Further information is available on the DoP, DRD and DLGC websites – links to these are provided on the back page of this publication).

PLANNING

Agency	Authority and/or enabling legislation	General roles and responsibilities
Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC)	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>	The WAPC is an independent statutory authority with legislative powers and functions to advise the Minister for Planning on the sustainable use and development of land throughout the State; including the coordination and promotion of land use, transport planning and land development in a sustainable manner; the administration, revision and reform of legislation relating to land use, transport planning and land development, local planning schemes, and amendments to those schemes.
Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (ICC)	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>	The ICC is a sub-committee of the WAPC with legislative responsibilities to plan for and coordinate physical and community infrastructure across the State.
Department of Planning (DoP)	Section 23 of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> provides for the Department of Planning to provide the WAPC with advice and technical and administrative support in fulfilling its functions.	The DoP is a lead state agency with responsibilities for integrated land use planning and to advise the WAPC, Minister for Planning and Government. DoP provides professional and technical expertise to advise and support the Minister for Planning and WAPC.
Main Initiatives	Description	
State Planning Strategy	Section 14 of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> requires the WAPC to prepare, and keep under review, a State Planning Strategy which is an integral part of the Western Australia planning system. It takes into account what is known about the future to set a strategic context for planning policies, schemes and decisions across government and throughout the State.	
State Planning Policy Framework	State Planning Policy No. 1 – The State Planning Framework establishes a framework for state policy, regional strategies, and WAPC operational policy guidelines. It provides a decision-making framework for state planning.	
Region Schemes, Regional Strategies and Policies	Region Schemes are in operation for the Perth metropolitan area (the Metropolitan Region Scheme, or MRS), the Peel region, and the Greater Bunbury region. State Planning Policies are directed primarily towards broad general planning and facilitating the coordination of planning throughout the State.	
Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework	Defines a strategic vision and direction for the regions, providing an overview of regional planning issues, priorities and initiatives to promote economic development opportunities and associated infrastructure priorities.	
Regional Planning Initiatives	Regional Planning Initiatives are identified in the development of the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks.	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED PLANNING

Agency	Authority and/or enabling legislation	General roles and responsibilities
Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC)	<p><i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and enabling regulations;</p> <p><i>Carers Recognition Act 2004</i>;</p> <p><i>Child Care Services Act 2007</i> and enabling regulations; and the <i>Volunteers and Food and Other Donors (Protection from Liability) Act 2002</i>.</p>	<p>On 1 July 2013, the DLGC was established to encourage better collaboration between Government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and local governments in the delivery of services. The Department is focused on the delivery of a more collaborative and coordinated range of community services at the local level. Together, the portfolio areas of local government, communities, multicultural interests and heritage aim to build strong and sustainable communities in Western Australia.</p>
Local Governments	<p>Local governments are empowered to provide for the good government of local communities under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>.</p>	<p>Local governments perform a very wide range of functions from the provision of goods and services and local infrastructure, to the provision of environmental health and other social services.</p> <p>They are also delegated local strategic and statutory planning powers and functions, including local development control and enforcement.</p> <p>Under the “plan for the future” provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, local governments are required to engage with their communities to produce Strategic Community Plans and Corporate Business Plans.</p>
Main Initiatives	Description	
Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting	A strategic planning system that provides a basis for meeting the needs of the community through long-term planning, financial capacity and practical service delivery.	
Local Planning Strategies	Prepared under the <i>Town Planning Regulations 1967</i> , local planning strategies must provide for the future growth of a local government, apply state and regional policy, and provide a basis for the zones and other provisions of a local planning scheme.	
Local Planning Schemes	Local planning schemes and amendments are statutory instruments prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> that prescribe the way in which land within a local government area can be improved, developed and/or used. Scheme decision-making is informed by local planning strategies. Both are determined by the Minister for Planning on recommendation from the WAPC.	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTEGRATED PLANNING (CONT)

Main Initiatives	Description
Landuse Structure Plans	Localised planning instruments that provide greater information on how land should be developed and identify features such as roads, schools, housing density, and land for conservation.
Strategic Community Plan	A long-term (10+ years) strategic plan which sets out the community and local government long-term vision, aspirations and objectives with reference to state and regional plans, the local government's own resource capability and other information.
Corporate Business Plan	A four-year operational plan for a local government that turns Strategic Community Plan aspirations and objectives into services, projects and activities that can be delivered within the resources that are available to the local government.
Annual Budget	The Annual Budget demonstrates how the current year of a local government's Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan commitments will be funded.
Informing Strategies	Informing Strategies identify and integrate the resources needed to deliver a local government's planning commitment. A local government's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan are informed by its Asset Management Plan, Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Plan and a range of issue-specific strategies, such as an economic development and tourism strategy, disability access and inclusion plan, health and recreation strategy.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency	Authority and/or enabling legislation	General roles and responsibilities
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	DRD assists the Minister for Regional Development with administration of the <i>Royalties for Regions Act 2009</i> , <i>Regional Development Commissions Act 1993</i> , and the regional development portfolio.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises the Minister and Cabinet on activities related to the regional development portfolio. • Administers the Royalties for Regions (RfR) Fund. • Plans, manages and facilitates delivery of regional policy and strategies. • Supports the Regional Development Council and the Western Australian Regional Development Trust.
Regional Development Commissions	Regional Development Commissions (Commissions) are established under the <i>Regional Development Commissions Act 1993</i> as independent statutory authorities.	The Commissions coordinate and promote the economic development of the regions of the State. This includes developing and broadening the economic base of the region; identifying infrastructure needs to promote economic and social development, and opportunities for investment within the region; and generally taking steps to encourage, promote, facilitate and monitor economic and social development in the region. Each Commission develops a Regional Investment Blueprint.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

Agency	Authority and/or enabling legislation	General roles and responsibilities
Regional Development Council (Council)	The Council was established under the <i>Regional Development Commissions Act 1993</i> .	The Council is the peak advisory body to the Minister for Regional Development on all regional development issues. It has a key role in setting strategic directions, policy proposals, prioritisation and strategies common to all Commissions for regional economic and community development responsibilities, including industry attraction. This includes facilitating liaison between Commissions and government agencies, promoting liaison between local, State and Commonwealth government bodies with respect to regional issues, and the coordination of their respective policies on those issues. The Council develops the Regional Investment Blueprint Framework.
Western Australian Regional Development Trust (WARDT)	The WARDT was established under the <i>Royalties for Regions Act 2009</i> as an independent statutory advisory body that provides advice on the RfR Fund to the Minister for Regional Development.	<p>The WARDT provides independent and impartial advice and recommendations to the Minister on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of funds from the RfR Fund. • Management of RfR funds in order to promote and facilitate economic, business and social development in regional Western Australia.
Main Initiatives	Description	
Royalties for Regions (RfR)	<p>RfR funding can build capacity, retain benefits and improve services in regional communities. RfR aims to attain sustainability, expand opportunity and grow prosperity for regional Western Australia.</p> <p>Projects should be informed by Local Government Integrated Planning and should align with Regional Investment Blueprints and Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks, ensuring projects align with broader regional and State planning approaches.</p>	
Regional Investment Blueprint Framework	Guides the development of Regional Investment Blueprints.	
Regional Investment Blueprints	A strategy that outlines regional growth and development aspirations, priority implementation actions and investment opportunities and provides a framework for an integrated and comprehensive approach to regional development.	
Regional Investment Initiatives	The RfR program provides a framework to support and maintain strong and vibrant regions by funding improved infrastructure and headworks, enabling strategic regional and service projects across government and providing contestable grant funding. Significant funding through the program has assisted developing initiatives such as the Gascoyne Revitalisation, Pilbara Cities, Ord Stage 2 and Regional Centres.	



How to obtain further information

Organisations and individuals who require more information about the initiatives explained in this publication can contact the relevant agencies:

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