



# WA PORTS GOVERNANCE REFORM POST-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW SOUTHERN PORTS AUTHORITY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why is a review being conducted?**

In October 2014, the Albany, Bunbury, and Esperance port authorities were amalgamated to form the new Southern Ports Authority, which trades as Southern Ports.

Now that nearly three years have passed, it is time to conduct a post-implementation review to evaluate what benefits have been achieved as a result of the amalgamation; the extent to which the risks of amalgamation have been avoided or mitigated; and recommend any changes or improvements for the future operation of the port.

### **Who is running the review?**

The review will be led by Hon Laurie Graham MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region. Mr Graham will chair a Working Group supported by representatives from the Department of Transport and the Department Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation.

### **How long will the review take?**

The review is expected to take around 3 months, starting on 28 August 2017, with a report submitted to the Minister for Transport for consideration by the end of November 2017.

### **How can I contribute to the review?**

The Working Group will seek feedback from a number of different sources, including Southern Ports and its employees; Albany, Bunbury and Esperance port users; MPs, Shires, and other local stakeholders; and government departments.

The Working Group will visit the ports of Albany, Bunbury and Esperance as part of the review. You can find the latest information on the review at:

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/Freight-Ports/ports-governance-review.asp>

### **How will the review impact Southern Ports?**

It is business as usual for Southern Ports during the review.

### **Is Southern Ports going to be split up?**

The purpose of the review is to evaluate the outcomes of amalgamating the Albany, Bunbury and Esperance port authorities to form Southern Ports. While de-amalgamating the ports is not the purpose of the review, the working group will be open-minded about all possible outcomes.

The Working Group will make recommendations to the Minister based on the findings of the review.

**Why aren't the other port authorities being reviewed?**

There are two phases of port amalgamations. The first phase amalgamated seven regional port authorities into four, creating the Southern, Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley port authorities.

The second phase will transfer ports overseen by the Department of Transport to the regional port authorities in the Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley.

There are no ports operated by the Department of Transport in the south west to be transferred as part of the second phase, so the post-implementation review of Southern Ports' amalgamation is being conducted now. Similar reviews of the other regional port authorities will be conducted after the second phase of transfers is completed.

Fremantle Port Authority was not affected by the amalgamations and so will not be subject to review.