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What is Westport?

Westport: Port and Environs Strategy (Westport) is a comprehensive research, data and feedback-gathering project to deliver the *Westport Strategy*. This will be an integrated plan to meet the freight and logistics needs for Perth and the South West for the next 50 to 100 years.

The strategy will:



Guide the planning, development and growth of the Inner Harbour at Fremantle, the Outer Harbour at Kwinana



Examine how the Port of Bunbury may contribute to the overall freight task, while minimising environmental impacts



Investigate the requirement for supporting rail and road networks



Identify where intermodal terminals may be needed and explore how adjacent land may be best utilised to stimulate the economy and create jobs, and



Explore opportunities to support emerging industries such as cruise shipping, defence, lithium, smart agriculture and manufacturing.

Westport Objectives

The Westport Taskforce will engage with stakeholders and the community at all stages to:

- Plan for a modern port to meet Perth and surrounding regions' (including Bunbury) future growth for the next 50–100 years.
- Provide land-use and transport plans that support port operations and users, compatible land uses, community needs and economic growth.
- Assess the commercial implications and logistics opportunities of future port infrastructure.
- Identify expansion of industrial areas and technology parks to support economic development and future employment opportunities.
- Optimise compatibility of port and landside development with the environment.

Westport will apply sustainability criteria to every step of the planning process—carefully examining how infrastructure could potentially affect the environment, the economy and our society.



Why do we need Westport?



Western Australia is highly reliant on imports and exports. Most of our everyday items are imported from interstate or overseas — everything from our cars and TVs to our clothes, medicines and food. Businesses rely on imported materials to support their manufacturing and building processes and equipment.

Our economy is built on exporting resources including minerals, gas and agricultural produce such as grain and livestock.

WA has a unique opportunity to undertake a world's best-practice planning process to integrate the logistics, transport and land use around the ports of Bunbury, Fremantle and the Outer Harbour at Kwinana to optimise trade and industrial growth, leading to more wealth and jobs for the State.

With the population between Perth and the South West expected to double by 2050, the Westport Strategy will seek to answer the following questions:

- How can we optimise WA's current and future trade task with minimal environmental impacts?
- How can we best support current and emerging industries that will grow the economy?
- How can we ensure our needs are met for the next 50 to 100 years with so many uncertainties?
- How can we package any development to attract investment into the State?

Westport uses a question-based approach to guide our understanding of problems and opportunities.

These questions will flow through the life of the project and be used to shape reports and technical papers.



The question-based methodology aligns with the first two stages of Infrastructure Australia's nationally-accepted approach to developing major infrastructure.*



The Taskforce has already published two reports that together identify the project methodology.

The next report, *What we have found so far?*, will be released for public comment towards the end of 2018.



OUR APPROACH

A consultation draft of the Westport Strategy will be released for public comment in mid-2019.

At this stage, it is not possible to predict the outcome of the final report.



Scenario analysis techniques will be applied to manage uncertainty and ensure an objective approach.

Spatial data will be used to provide clarity and make it easier to compare various port options.



Eleven multi-disciplinary work streams undertake the research necessary to answer key questions.

The work streams utilise the skills and experience of Taskforce members from all levels of government, academia, industry, environmental and community groups.

Information relevant at the time of printing.

*Infrastructure Australia, Assessment Framework, June 2017, p8 <http://infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/policy-publications/publications/files/Assessment-Framework-June-2017.pdf>