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This annual report covers the operations of the Western Australian Planning Commission. The report also presents a series of audited financial statements and performance indicators for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Letter of transmittal

Hon Donna Faragher JP MLC

Minister for Planning

In accordance with Section 61 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, I submit for your information and presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of the Western Australian Planning Commission for the year ended 30 June 2016.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* and any other relevant written law.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Lumsden".

Eric Lumsden PSM

Chairman
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executive summary

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is unique among Western Australian government authorities in its role and ability to undertake long-term strategic and statutory land-use planning. In 2015/16, we continued our reorientation from a purely statutory body to one with an increased strategic focus.

A primary example of this significant strategic shift was the progression of the draft *Perth and Peel@3.5million* suite of land use and infrastructure documents. Since the public comment period closed in July 2015, the Department of Planning has assessed some 1055 submissions, ready for presentation to the WAPC and State Government.

The *Perth and Peel@3.5million* frameworks for the North-East, North-West, Central and South Metropolitan Peel sub-regions encompass 33 local government areas and consider the location of residential and employment-generating industrial land, the best use of existing and proposed social and physical infrastructure and how to protect the natural environment. When released, the four frameworks will set the strategic blueprint for Perth and Peel planning for the next 30 years, detailing how we can accommodate a population increase to 3.5 million people by 2050.

Perth and Peel@3.5million was complemented by the release of the State Government's draft *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million (Green Growth Plan)* in December 2015. This strategic environmental assessment seeks to streamline State and Federal environmental approval processes to provide certainty to development and conservation in Perth and Peel for the next 30 years. Importantly it also proposes an additional 170,000 hectares of land that contains significant environmental values be protected through the creation of new and expanded conservation reserves.

The strategic assessment, together with the sub-regional frameworks, will provide a blueprint for the future integrated land use, infrastructure and environmental development and preservation of the Perth and Peel regions. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity and I am very proud of our substantial contribution to their development.

Aligned with this, significant reforms were made in 2016 to the role of the Infrastructure Coordination Committee (ICC). It is being made smaller and more tightly focused on issues of strategic importance to the Western Australian economy and government. The Infrastructure Steering Group (ISG) has also been established to report to the ICC over 2016, providing a whole-of-government approach to strategic infrastructure planning and key priorities, for government decision-making. The ISG has been focused primarily around the infrastructure provisioning required to implement *Perth and Peel@3.5million*.



A major milestone of *Planning Reform Phase Two* this year was the introduction of the new *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* in October 2015, which now apply to all local governments and will make it easier for homeowners, small business and industry to obtain building and renovation approvals.

In 2015 the WAPC, in partnership with regional development commissions, Regional Development Australia and local governments, finalised regional planning and infrastructure frameworks for the State's eight country planning regions. The purpose of each framework was to establish a regional vision and basis for decision-making.

In early 2016 we also gave a commitment to hold more WAPC regional meetings. This gives us the opportunity to meet with local governments and other key stakeholders to hear and observe first-hand regional land use planning issues. Our first regional meeting was held in Albany in March 2016.

Throughout the year the importance of having a coherent policy framework was underlined through a systematic review and update of state planning policies. In June 2016 the Policy Planning Framework was introduced, providing ready online access to all planning policies.

On the governance front, review of delegations to the Department of Planning has occurred to reduce red tape in the planning process and to improve the effectiveness of Committee meetings. We also reviewed our code of conduct and standing orders with changes to be implemented in 2016/17.

Additional key WAPC projects progressed during 2015/16 are outlined on pages 1 and 2 under "significant issues and trends."

I am pleased to report that client satisfaction with our role in providing strategic planning services has improved over the past few years, with more than 82 per cent of survey respondents saying they were satisfied with the service we provided this year, up from 75 per cent previously. Likewise the satisfaction with the timeliness of the services has improved in the past few years.

Looking ahead, we have three clear priorities in 2016/17. There are three interconnected strategic State documents that have been developed for the Western Australian Government which will provide an unprecedented blueprint for future integrated land-use, infrastructure and environmental development and preservation. The WAPC has worked very closely with all relevant agencies to ensure all three documents closely align. The implementation of both the *Perth and Perth@3.5million* sub-regional frameworks and *Green Growth Plan* will be a major undertaking and the WAPC will also be working closely with the transport portfolio to help deliver the State Government's *Transport @ 3.5 Million plan*.

In the policy area, streamlining of the Strategic Planning Policy Framework, through the work of the Department of Planning, will yield greater clarity, certainty and guidance, with the reduction in the numbers and overlapping of State planning policies and related instruments. We also intend to finalise the Design WA suite of policies, as part of the Government's ongoing planning reform program.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our former Minister for Planning, the Honourable John Day MLA for his significant contribution to land use planning in Western Australia during his seven years in this portfolio.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the current Minister for Planning, the Honourable Donna Faragher JP MLC who took up her position in March.

As always, I offer my thanks to members of the WAPC and its committees for their tremendous work and commitment throughout the past year. I acknowledge the contribution of members whose terms have come to an end, and extend a welcome to our new members.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of Department of Planning Director General Gail McGowan, her management team and staff for delivery of services to the WAPC.



Eric Lumsden PSM

Chairman

Western Australian Planning Commission

significant issues and trends

The WAPC continues to respond to the strategic direction of Government through the following significant initiatives:

- **Perth and Peel@3.5million sub-regional frameworks:**
A suite of draft strategic planning frameworks detailing how the Perth and Peel regions can accommodate a significant population increase to 3.5 million people by 2050 was released for public consultation in 2015. The documents clearly spell out future land uses through urban consolidation and development of a more considered, connected and consolidated urban form. The frameworks are to be finalised and endorsed before implementation.
- **Preparation of sub-regional planning strategies:**
The preparation of sub-regional planning strategies for the central coast (Gingin to Kalbarri) and the Leeuwin-Naturaliste coast is underway by the Department of Planning. The primary aim of the proposed sub-regional planning strategies is to manage and plan for coastal growth by assisting local governments to implement State strategic issues in a sub-regional context, assist decision-making, and inform local planning documents such as local planning strategies and schemes.
- **Swan Valley Planning Framework:**
On behalf of the WAPC, the Department of Planning is preparing a new development plan and associated legislation for the Swan Valley following public consultations and liaison with the City of Swan. Technical studies have been finalised including land capability, infrastructure and servicing, and tourism strategies.
- **Planning reform for better design (Design WA):**
Design WA includes a number of design-related initiatives that are being developed in collaboration with the Office of the Government Architect and through a comprehensive practitioner consultation program. Initiatives include development of state planning policies for the design of the built environment and apartment design.
- **Land acquisition for future road/rail:**
Land acquisitions will continue for regional planning schemes with priority given to finalisation of the passenger railway corridor to Yanchep, Mitchell Freeway and the regional road network. The WAPC will also prioritise outstanding Bush Forever and regional parklands still in private ownership for acquisition.
- **Perth Convention Precinct masterplan:**
Phase two of a detailed planning and development review of the Perth Convention Precinct, along with a full business case evaluation of governance and delivery options will continue towards the development of a preferred masterplan.
- **Ascot Kilns and Golden Gateway project:**
Drafting of a local development plan and rezoning for the precinct are well underway. A community design workshop was successfully held in February 2016 and a Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1303/57 was approved and referred to the Minister for approval. Work on the plan will continue, and the WAPC will facilitate amendment to the City of Belmont local planning scheme.

- **Forrestfield Airport Link station precinct planning:**

The Department, on behalf of the WAPC, has led station precinct planning for the Forrestfield Airport Link in collaboration with key stakeholders. This has included the completed strategic planning framework and planning control area, ongoing work on structure plans for the two stations and a project business case to underpin phase two of the project.

- **Implementation of bushfire regulations:**

Following the adoption by the State Government of the Keelty Report, a new *State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP 3.7)* and associated *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* sets out the WAPC's position, endorsed by Cabinet, on how land use should address bushfire risk management in Western Australia. It applies to all land that has been designated as bushfire prone by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner, shown on the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas. *State Planning Policy 3.7* and guidelines work in tandem with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Amendment Regulations 2015* which introduced deemed provisions relating to bushfire into every local planning scheme across the State.

- **Service Delivery Agreement:**

A Service Delivery Agreement was signed between the WAPC and the Department of Planning in January 2015 following a restructure of the Department's funding model. The agreement is for a term of four years and sets out the Department's delivery of certain projects and services to the WAPC in exchange for funding. The funding that the WAPC provides to the Department under this agreement is sourced from the Metropolitan Regional Improvement Fund and from service appropriation.

- **Whiteman Employment Land:**

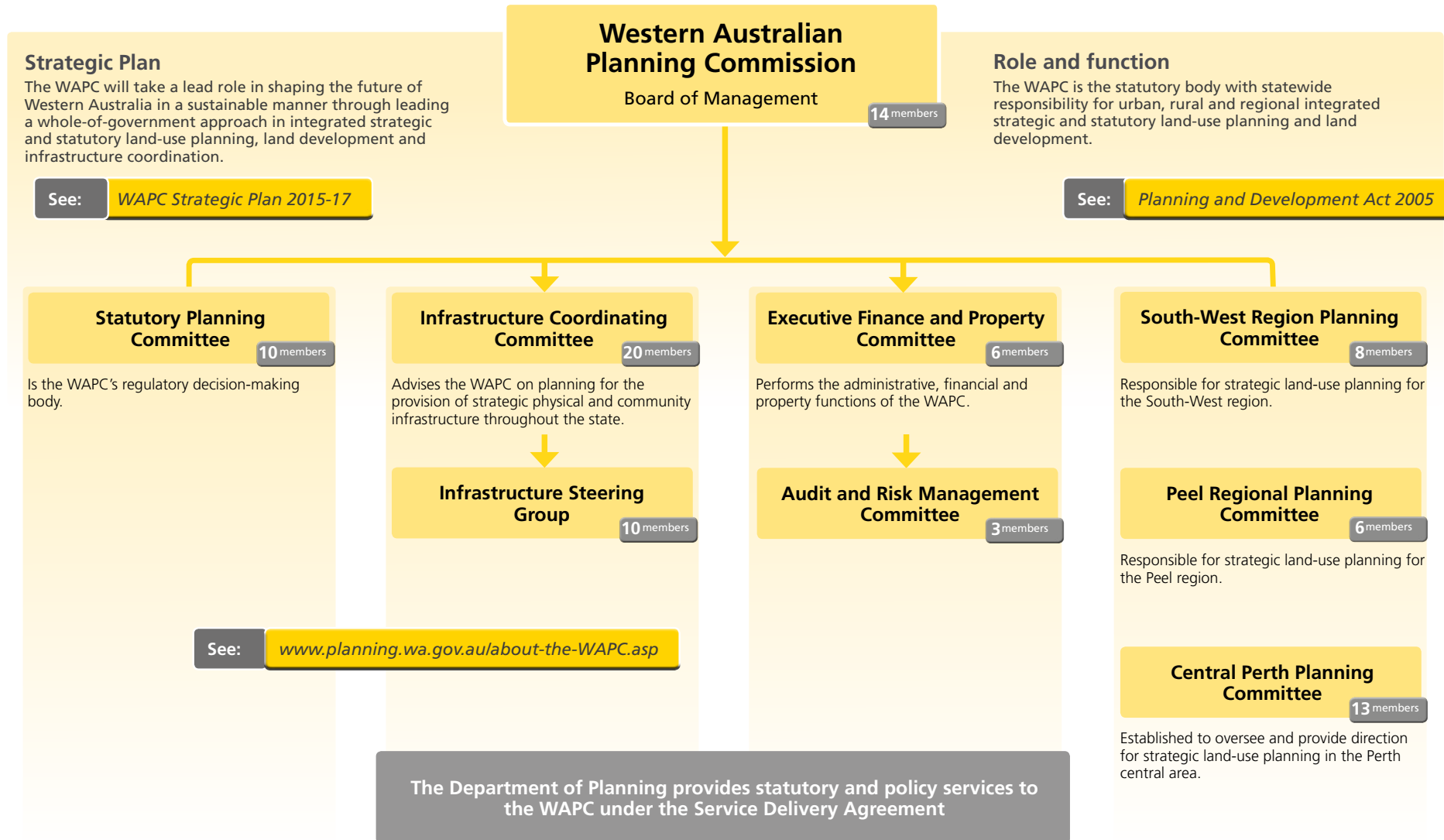
The WAPC is planning to undertake capital works to service and finalise the rezoning of land adjacent to Whiteman Park as part of its *Economic and Employment Lands Strategy: non-heavy industrial 2012*. This will result in significant uplift in value and marketability of the site for industrial development. The extension of services will also enable the finalisation of planning and calling for expressions of interest for the development of a proposed caravan park and park home site, and a commercial recreation lease site within Whiteman Park.

2015/16 snapshot

- ▶ State Government released draft *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million* to complement the WAPC's draft Perth and Peel@3.5million sub-regional planning frameworks.
- ▶ Draft *Wanju District Structure Plan* released for public comment. The plan is an example of the strategic direction the WAPC will seek to adopt more frequently in the future.
- ▶ *Nambeelup Industrial Area District Structure Plan* released to guide development of a modern industrial estate over next few decades.
- ▶ More open space for City of Wanneroo as WAPC purchased 100 hectares in Alkimos and 350 hectares in Neerabup for regional open space and infrastructure reserves, through its Metropolitan Regional Improvement Fund.
- ▶ Draft *Shenton Park Hospital Redevelopment Improvement Scheme*, to guide development of the proposed 15.8 hectare urban village, released for public comment.
- ▶ State Government announced building reforms for new homes in bushfire areas including the release of a *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas, Building Regulations, State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas and guidelines, and Local Planning Scheme Amendment Regulations 2015*.
- ▶ Draft *Swan Valley Development Plan* released for public comment. The plan aims to provide greater protection for agricultural land and encourage tourism activities that support and complement the area's rural character.
- ▶ Minor Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment for former Bristle Kilns site in Ascot released for public comment. Stakeholder consultation and community workshops follow while the WAPC and City of Belmont progress work on the preparation of a local structure plan for the Golden Gateway precinct.
- ▶ Draft *Liveable Neighbourhoods* policy released for public comment. The policy aims to create more functional, compact, and healthier communities.
- ▶ New statewide *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015* take effect, replacing *Town Planning Regulations 1967* and the associated Model Scheme Text.
- ▶ Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) are amended to better control apartment development in suburban areas.



Organisation chart of the Western Australian Planning Commission



about the WAPC

The WAPC has statewide responsibility for urban, rural and regional integrated strategic and statutory land-use planning and land development.

It responds to the strategic direction of State Government and is responsible for:

- advising the Minister for Planning on strategic land-use planning and land development, legislative reform and local planning schemes;
- making statutory decisions on a range of planning applications;
- implementing the State Planning Strategy to provide a vision for the future development of Western Australia;
- developing integrated land-use planning strategies for the coordinated provision of transport and infrastructure for land development;
- preparing and reviewing region schemes to cater for anticipated growth;
- monitoring and forecasting land supply throughout the State and developing strategies for the timely supply of affordable residential land;
- undertaking research and developing planning methods and models relating to land-use planning, land development and associated matters; and
- acquiring land for public requirement reservations in region planning schemes and compensating affected landowners.

The WAPC operates with the support of the Department of Planning which provides professional and technical expertise, administrative services and resources to advise and implement the WAPC's decisions.

In 2015/16, the WAPC comprised a Chair and 13 members (see Appendix 1), representing industry, government and the community.

Enabling legislation

The WAPC was established under Section 7 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (The Act).

Responsible minister

The WAPC is responsible to the Honourable Donna Faragher JP MLC; Minister for Planning.

Legislation administered

The WAPC exercises the functions and powers vested in it by the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Where matters of State or regional importance so require, the WAPC may prepare a region planning scheme. Currently, the WAPC is responsible for, and has decision making authority under, the following region planning schemes:

- Metropolitan Region Scheme
- Peel Region Scheme
- Greater Bunbury Region Scheme

Further, the WAPC is authorised under local planning schemes (by virtue of Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*) for approving certain planning instruments, such as structure plans or activity centre plans.



Stakeholders

As well as the Minister for Planning, the Premier and State Parliament, the WAPC works with local governments, industry associations, builders and architects, State and Commonwealth government agencies, environmental groups, not-for-profit organisations, community groups, individual land owners and their legal representatives, and property developers.

Shared responsibilities with other agencies

The WAPC has common interests with a range of authorities including the Environmental Protection Authority, the Heritage Council and the Swan River Trust. It also works to foster relationships with local, State and Commonwealth Government agencies.

Delegations

Under s16 of the Act, the WAPC is able to delegate its statutory functions to officers of the Department of Planning, and other State and local government agencies. For more information see page 18.

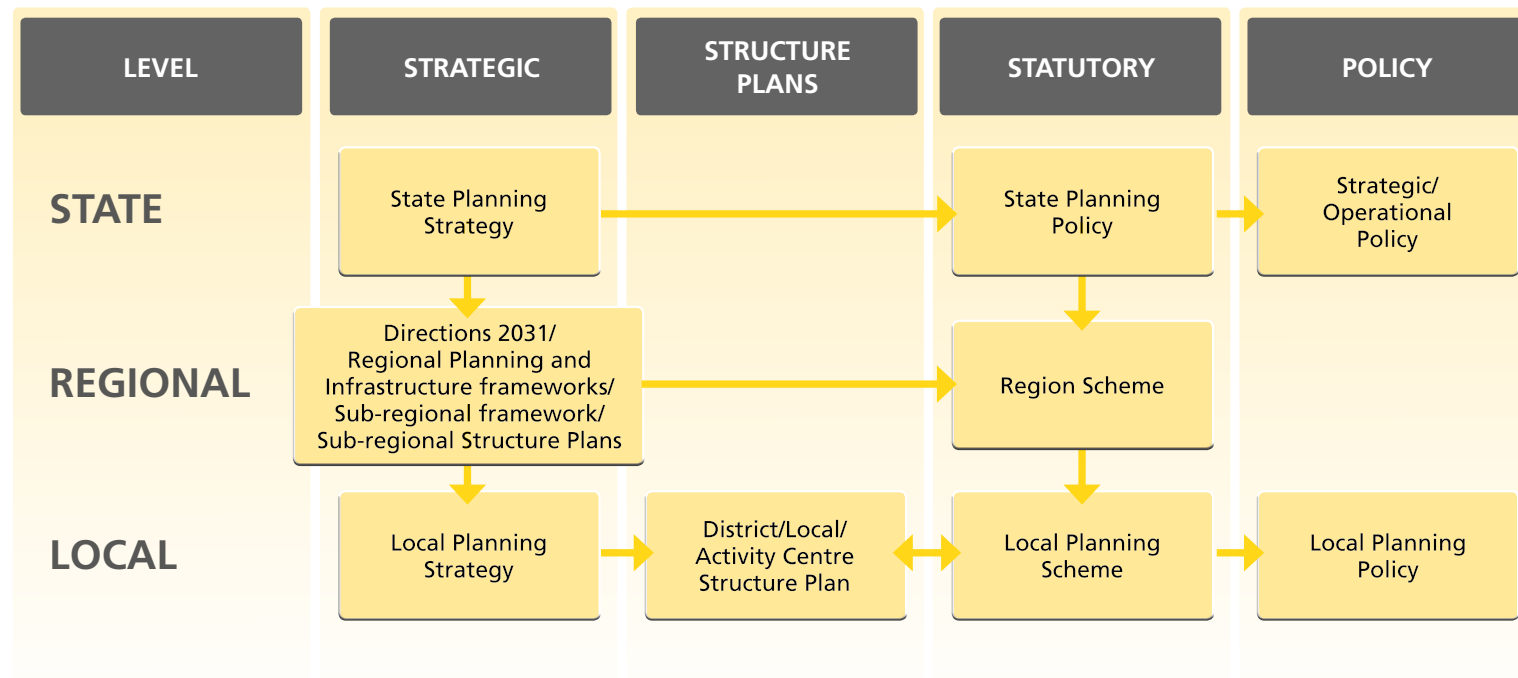
the planning context

The *State Planning Strategy 2050* is the lead strategic planning document within Government. Its purpose and function is to provide a credible State strategic context and basis for the integration and coordination of land-use planning and development across State, regional and local jurisdictions.

Directions 2031 and beyond is a high-level spatial framework and strategic plan for future growth for the Perth and Peel regions and guides the detailed planning and delivery of housing, infrastructure and services necessary to accommodate future population growth. This framework will be superseded by *Perth and Peel@3.5million* when endorsed by the State Government.

The draft planning frameworks within *Perth and Peel@3.5million* build on the vision of *Directions 2031 and beyond* and when finalised as sub-regional structure plans will provide strategic guidance to government agencies and local governments on land-use, land supply, land development, environmental protection, infrastructure investment and the delivery of physical and community/social infrastructure across Perth and Peel.

Figure 1: The Western Australian planning system framework



Performance management framework

The Western Australian Government has five goals that guide the development of policies, programs and services within its agencies. These are:

▶ Goal 1: State building – major projects

Building strategic infrastructure that will create jobs and underpin Western Australia’s long-term economic development.

▶ Goal 2: Financial and economic responsibility

Responsibility for managing the State’s finances through the efficient and effective delivery of services, encouraging economic activity and reducing regulatory burdens on the private sector.

▶ Goal 3: Results-based service delivery

Greater focus on achieving results in key service delivery areas for the benefit of all Western Australians.

▶ Goal 4: Stronger focus on the regions

Greater focus on service delivery, infrastructure investment and economic development to improve the overall quality of life in remote and regional areas.

▶ Goal 5: Social and economic responsibility

Ensuring that economic activity is managed in a socially and environmentally responsible manner for the long-term benefit of the State.

Figure 2: WAPC contribution to State Government goals

WAPC’s outcomes and services, and contribution to the State Government goals



The WAPC contributes to all State Government goals and particularly to Goal 1 by delivering land-use planning and implementation strategies to guide the State's long-term urban and economic development through three services:

▶ **SERVICE 1 STATUTORY PLANNING**

Using statutory, consultative, legislative, regulatory reform and coordination processes to implement creative and innovative strategic regional and local plans and policies.

▶ **SERVICE 2 STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Developing and advancing strategic and statutory planning strategies, policies and information systems that guide the State's long-term urban, industrial and economic development and management of the environment to reflect Western Australian aspirations for a high quality of life.

▶ **SERVICE 3 ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Acquiring, managing and disposing of properties reserved under the metropolitan, Peel and Greater Bunbury region schemes for primary and other regional roads; parks and recreation and regional open space; special uses including planning control areas and improvement plans; and major land development projects.



State government goal:

State Building: building strategic infrastructure that will create jobs and underpin WA's long term economic development.

Land-use planning and land-use implementation strategies to guide the State's long-term urban settlement and economic development.

State Planning Strategy principles

Community

Economy

Environment

Infrastructure

Regional development

Governance

WAPC strategic themes:

Plan for growth

Coordinated and collaborative land-use planning

Responsible economic development

Land and property

Simplify and reform planning processes

Governance

WAPC strategic objectives:

Manage growth

Sustainable development

Infrastructure

Economic development

Asset management

Simplify planning

Effective planning

Governance

the planning program 2015/16

Overarching ministerial objectives

The WAPC's overarching land-use planning obligations and correlating outcomes are determined through its planning program.

The 2015/16 program was established through close collaboration with the former Minister for Planning and the Department of Planning to identify State planning objectives and priorities. These provided the focus and direction for all business areas.

The objectives for 2015/16 were:

- Communicate and implement a collaborative vision for well-managed growth in Perth and Western Australia, through strong strategic planning documents and planning processes that facilitate well-designed development and increased density and diversity in appropriate locations.
- Ongoing reform and improvement of the planning system, to respond to growth and demographic change, streamline planning processes, and to achieve improved outcomes in the physical and natural environment.
- Ensure that the WAPC's and Department of Planning's contribution to land supply continues to keep pace with the economic and population growth of the State (safeguard against future land supply crises).
- Help to make Western Australia a more affordable and diverse place to live through assisting in the delivery of the State Government's *Affordable Housing Strategy 2010-2020* and making effective and efficient planning decisions which result in increased choice for the community.
- High quality and considered advice to be provided to the Minister's office and key stakeholders in order to promote the values of transparent decision-making and orderly planning process.

During 2015/16, the WAPC provided three key services – statutory planning, strategic planning and asset management.



statutory planning services

Metropolitan Region Scheme amendments

Thirty amendments were considered during 2015/16.

NO	AMENDMENT TITLE	WEBSITE ADDRESS	MAJOR			MINOR		OTHER	
			IN	TAB	FIN	IN	FIN	IN	FIN
1210/41	Rationalisation of Stirling Highway Reservation	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/6242.asp		X					
1267/57	Rationalisation of Pt Lots 40 and 41 River Avenue, Maddington	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7104.asp					X		
1276/57	Caporn Street, Sinagra	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7304.asp					X		
1278/57	Rockingham Strategic Regional Centre	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7633.asp					X		
1282/57	Forrestfield-High Wycombe Precinct 3	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7841.asp					X		
1283/57	Holmes Street Reservation, Southern River	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7815.asp					X		
1284/57	Lots 5000 and 5001 Pipidinny Road, Eglinton	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7811.asp					X		
1286/57	Western Power Omnibus 1	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7925.asp					X		
1287/57	Lots 212, 852 and 854 Lake Road, Champion Lakes	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7845.asp					X		
1288/57	Lots 986 and 993 Baldivis Road, Baldivis	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7849.asp					X		
1303/57	Ascot Kilns Precinct Redevelopment	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8360.asp	X		X				
1304/57	Lots 28 & 29 Belgrade Road and Lots 10 & 11 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8199.asp	X		X				
1305/27	Bennett Springs East	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8170.asp							X
1307/27	Gidgegannup Urban Precinct	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8131.asp							X
1308/41	East Wanneroo Structure Plan Area	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8338.asp	X						
1309/57	Industrial Zoning Anomalies	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8371.asp	X						
1310/41	Guildford Road from East Parade to Tonkin Highway	Not yet advertised	X						
1311/57	Bedbrook Place, Shenton Park	Not yet advertised	X						
PCA 110	Hutton Street between Scarborough Beach Road and Mitchell Freeway	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca110.asp							X
PCA 111	Anketell Road between Kwinana Freeway and Rockingham Road	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca111.asp							X
PCA 112	Rowley Road between Kwinana Freeway and the Coast	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca112.asp							X
PCA 113	Curtin Avenue Extension	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca113.asp							X
PCA 115	Forrestfield Station	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca115.asp							X
PCA 116	Airport West Station	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca116.asp							X
PCA 117	Canning Highway between Collier Street and Henley Street	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca117.asp							X

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PCA 118	South Bullsbrook Intermodal Terminal	Cannot locate							X
PCA 119	Midland Freight Rail Realignment	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca119.asp							X
PCA 120	Roe Highway Stage 8 Extension between Stock Road and Karel Avenue	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca120.asp							X
PCA 121	Lloyd Street	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca121.asp							X
PCA 122	Cockburn Central	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/mrspca122.asp							X

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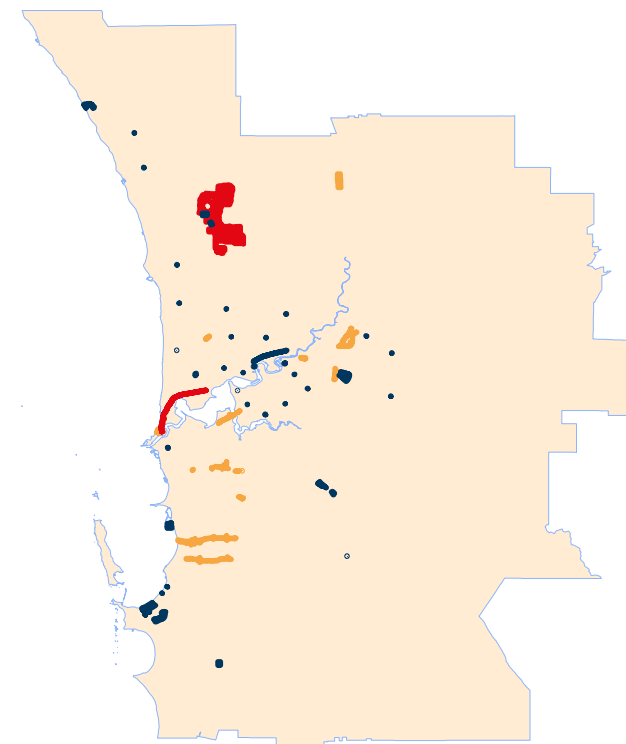
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Peel Region Scheme amendments

Two amendments were considered during 2015/16.

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039/57	Lakelands North	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7861.asp					X		
040/57	Regional Reservations	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8304.asp				X			

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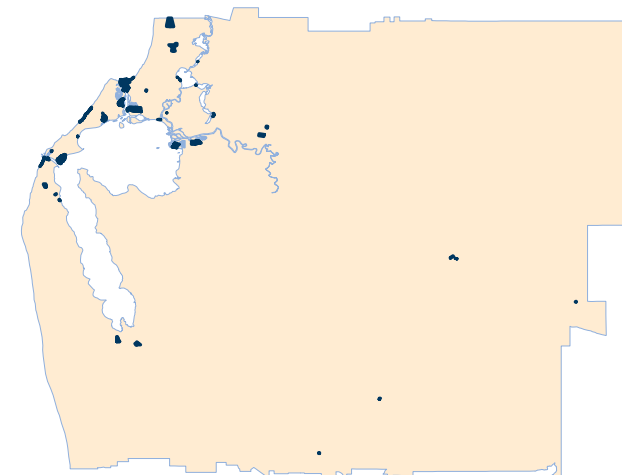
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Greater Bunbury Region Scheme amendments

Eight amendments were considered during 2015/16.

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0030/57	Lot 9001 Waterloo Road, Roelands & Various Zoning Anomalies	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/6808.asp					X		
0038/57	Western Power Omnibus No. 1 - Anomalies Amendment	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/7780.asp					X		
0039/57	Bunbury Airport Expansion	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8063.asp					X		
0040/57	Omnibus No. 4 - Anomalies Amendment	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8065.asp				X	X		
0041/57	Public Drinking Water Source Protection Areas	N/A				X			
0042/57	Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area	http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/8264.asp				X			
0043/13	Lifting of Urban Deferred - Dalyuellup South	N/A						X	X
0044/57	Visitor Gateway Project (DPAW Offices)	N/A				X			

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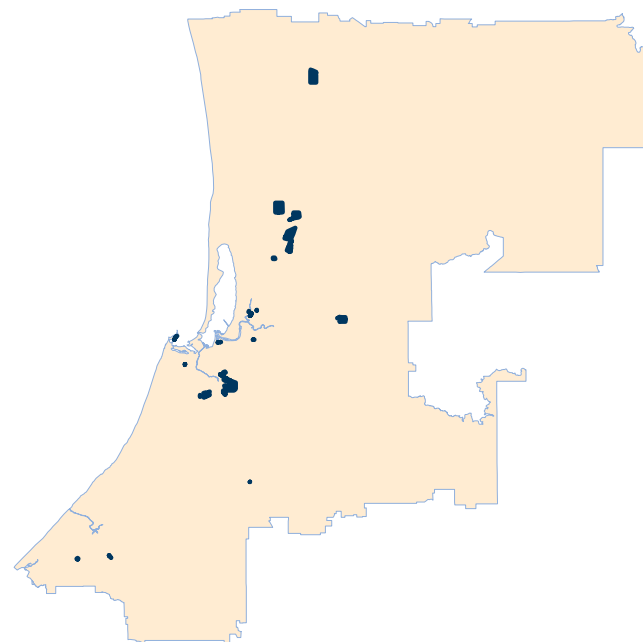
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Review of WAPC decisions

Certain WAPC decisions can be reviewed through the State Administrative Tribunal. In 2015/16, 84 new review applications were received out of a total of 3984 determinations made by the WAPC on subdivision, survey strata, structure plan, development and Metropolitan Region Scheme urban deferred lifting.

The tribunal finalised 74 applications for review; 70 were mediated or withdrawn without the need for a substantive hearing; three were determined by the tribunal after a substantive hearing, of which one was dismissed/upheld in part, and two were dismissed.

Planning applications

During 2015/16, the WAPC received 3,252 applications (down eight per cent on the previous year). A total of 24,955 residential lots were lodged during 2015/16 (down 19 per cent). The WAPC granted conditional approval for 23,657 residential lots (down 30 per cent) and final approval

for 16,692 lots (down 21 per cent). On 30 June 2016, the number of residential lots of stock across Western Australia stood at 77,273 (down three per cent on the previous year).

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Subdivision applications (S)							
Received	2,206	2,027	1,855	2,099	1,831	1,846	1,775
Determined	2,156	2,113	1,792	1,788	1,991	1,852	1,840
Within statutory time frame (target 80%)	65	79	79	86	83	87	92
Development applications (D)							
Received	586	547	492	512	615	625	571
Determined	557	420	432	442	540	520	517
Within statutory time frame (target 70%)	46	59	55	73	72	72	78
Strata title applications (T)							
Received	4	1	1	3	3	2	2
Determined	28	1	1	2	1	2	3
Within statutory time frame (target 70%)	21	100	0	0	100	100	100
Survey strata applications (A)							
Received	1,229	1,238	1,070	1,568	1,443	1,536	1,464
Determined	1,159	1,732	1,056	1,182	1,649	1,512	1,473
Within statutory time frame (target 70%)	78	64	79	85	76	88	90
Vacant strata title applications (V)							
Received	22	18	16	31	20	13	13
Determined	11	20	16	22	17	13	16
Within statutory time frame (target 70%)	64	90	63	73	94	100	94
Subdivision approvals							
Residential lots - lodged	28,563	29,965	27,752	35,083	37,901	30,779	24,955
Residential lots - preliminary	24,307	25,346	25,394	26,018	34,031	33,931	23,657
Residential lots - final	10,915	12,695	11,339	15,009	17,781	21,256	16,692

Note: These figures include survey strata, vacant strata and subdivision applications

Delegations

Many of the WAPC's day-to-day statutory functions are undertaken by Department of Planning officers under delegated authority, permitted under s16 of the Act. This enables the WAPC to respond to the strategic direction of government and focus on strategic planning of the State, while ensuring its comprehensive workload is properly managed and its responsibilities met in a timely and professional manner.

The WAPC adopts a best practice approach to the delegation of authority. As such, instruments of delegation are routinely examined to ensure they remain accurate and appropriate. The *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*, which were introduced in October 2015, constituted a significant reform to Western Australia's planning system. A conservative approach was taken to the delegation of powers or functions contained in these regulations. This permitted the new system to commence in a controlled manner. These delegations were considered again by the WAPC in March 2016 and found to be satisfactory, with only minor amendments being made.

In December 2015 the WAPC's principal instrument of delegation to local governments was simplified. This instrument authorises local government officers and certain officers of the Department of Transport to exercise certain WAPC powers under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

Transport route planning

In 2015/16 the following transport route planning initiatives were progressed:

Abernethy Access Road strategy study

This access strategy is intended to facilitate the coordinated provision of transport infrastructure. It will provide direction for achieving integrated transport planning and land-use outcomes specifically for future development within areas adjacent to Abernethy Road and within the area covered by the Perth Airport masterplan.

Flynn Drive, Neaves and Rutland roads

Strategic transport documents have identified Flynn Drive, Neaves Road and Rutland Road as a regionally significant freight transport link connecting the north-west and north-east urban corridors of Perth, improving access to industrial and commercial areas. Network planning and concept road designs are currently being prepared to protect current and long-term upgrade needs of this important transport link.

Jandakot Eastern Link Road

Jandakot Airport is an important regional airport facility within Perth. A road alignment selection and reservation study, including an environmental impact assessment for the preferred alignment, has been completed. The Department of Planning is now seeking the initiation of a Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment for the proposed road reservation.

Ranford Road reservation review study

This study includes the full extent of Ranford Road (approximately 12 kilometres) and has been undertaken in consultation with the Department of Transport, The Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA and the cities of Canning, Gosnells and Armadale. The purpose of the study is to review the current and future function of Ranford Road and determine the required road reservation boundary for its ultimate development. The results of the study will be used to modify the existing other road reservation under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

Rowley Road and Anketell/Thomas roads

Rowley Road and Anketell/Thomas roads (between Tonkin Highway and Kwinana Freeway) are identified as regional roads and freight routes within the *draft South Metropolitan Peel Sub-Regional Planning Framework*. Design concept and reservation plans have recently been prepared to accommodate future freight and general traffic demand on these roads. It is intended that these roads will be upgraded to a four lane primary regional road standard, and the planning for this project continues to progress.

Scarborough Beach Road planning control area 123 (west of Odin Road)

The Scarborough Beach Road Activity Corridor Framework provides an overarching transport and land-use vision that will significantly improve the form and function of the road and its surrounds. The land-use planning that supports the corridor encourages increased density and well defined public transport. The western portion, from Odin Road to Hinderwell Street, requires the finalisation of a planning control area to protect the road reservation for future transport improvements.

Transport impact assessment guidelines

The former *draft Transport Assessment Guidelines for Developments* (WAPC 2006) has been updated and renamed *Transport Impact Assessment Guidelines*. The guidelines are an important tool developed to help transport professionals and State and local governments produce and assess transport impact assessments. The guidelines have been updated to incorporate the latest WAPC policies and technical transport requirements.

Planning control areas for transport initiatives

Transport portfolio agencies require long-term certainty to maintain the viability of strategic initiatives in passenger and freight railways and regional roads. The Department of Planning is assisting with protecting the land required for these using planning control areas and Metropolitan Region Scheme amendments.

Recently completed planning control areas include South Bullsbrook Freight Intermodal Terminal, Midland Freight Railway Realignment, Anketell and Rowley roads (west of Kwinana Freeway), Curtin Avenue, Canning Highway, Armadale Road deviation (Cockburn Central), Lloyd Street, Scarborough Beach Road, Hutton Street and Roe Highway extension. Additional work underway includes protection of the proposed Kenwick Freight Railway facility.

Main Roads WA partnership

The WAPC, through the Department of Planning, and Main Roads WA have teamed up to progress significant Metropolitan Region Scheme amendments and planning control areas for primary regional roads, which are under the care and control of Main Roads WA. This is an ongoing partnership with Main Roads WA, who prepare road planning concepts and land management plans while the Department manages the reporting to the WAPC, advertising and management of



the Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment process. For example, in 2015/16 a new Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment for Guildford Road was initiated as a result of this partnership.

Department of Planning and Department of Transport

The Department of Planning has strengthened its relationship with the Department of Transport in the areas of active transport, and land use and transport integration for the draft *Perth and Peel@3.5million* planning frameworks and the proposed Perth Transport Plan.

Statutory referrals and advice

The Department of Planning, on behalf of the WAPC, administers statutory planning referrals, providing detailed transport planning comments, advice and recommendations on structure plans, subdivisions, development applications, Metropolitan Region Scheme amendments, local planning scheme amendments and other planning related proposals. This transport planning advice is utilised within the planning decision making process by internal statutory teams and local governments.

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Perth and Peel@3.5million

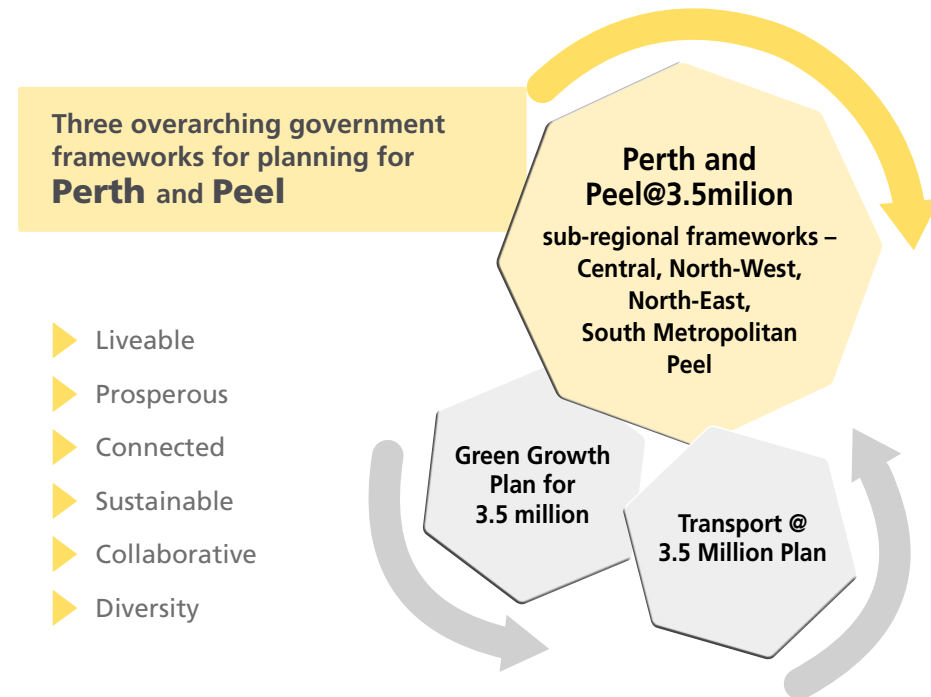
The draft strategic land-use planning and infrastructure frameworks for the Central, North-West, North-East and South Metropolitan Peel sub-regions and the *Perth and Peel@3.5million* overarching document were developed by the WAPC to guide future development and infrastructure provision to accommodate 3.5 million people by 2050.

In keeping with the vision and intent of the 2010 strategic planning document, *Directions 2031 and beyond*, the draft frameworks proposed a more sustainable urban form for the Perth and Peel metropolitan regions, through the development of a more compact and connected city. They also reflected *Directions 2031's* five key themes — liveable, prosperous, accessible, sustainable and responsible — that set the strategic direction to guide Government decision-making on land-use and infrastructure planning.

With critical input from key State Government service providers, the draft frameworks offered a spatial plan to underpin appropriate and timely growth into the future. The spatial plan has been developed in conjunction with, and provides the basis for the draft *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million* strategic environmental assessment and the draft *Transport @ 3.5 Million plan* to create an integrated, whole-of-government approach to accommodating a substantial population increase.

The draft frameworks, released for public comment from May to July 2015, provided guidance on the future urban form of the Perth and Peel regions - where sustainable future residential, commercial and industrial development should occur; how to make best use of proposed and existing social, community and physical infrastructure; and how to avoid impacting on significant environmental attributes.

A second round of targeted consultation was offered to key stakeholders including all 33 local governments across the Perth and Peel regions, State Government agencies and key industry bodies to allow agencies to update and/or clarify aspects of their submissions as required. A total of 36 organisations participated.



In all, 1,055 submissions were received. The majority of submissions were specific to proposals within a particular subregion and were reviewed by the team of Department of Planning officers considering submissions for that subregion.

Significant work has been undertaken to review all submissions to refine the frameworks which will be considered by the WAPC later in 2016.

Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million

In December 2015 the State Government released the draft *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million*. The plan is a cross-agency initiative that will seek to secure Commonwealth environmental approvals upfront, and streamline State environmental approval processes, to provide certainty to development and conservation in Perth and Peel for the next 30 years.

The *Green Growth Plan* is the largest urban-based strategic assessment ever undertaken in Australia. It proposes the protection of an additional 170,000 hectares of new conservation reserves in Perth and Peel and immediate surrounds, including improved protection and management of Bush Forever sites. It also provides for the urban, industrial, rural-residential, infrastructure and basic raw materials land required to support a population of 3.5 million people.

The WAPC has provided extensive input into the development footprint for the draft *Green Growth Plan*, which has achieved significant upfront avoidance of over 16,000 hectares of impacts to native vegetation through a focus on delivering a more compact city. The WAPC anticipates it will play a significant role in implementing much of the *Green Growth Plan* through the planning system over the coming decades.

After almost five months of consultation around 3,600 submissions were received on the plan. Fifty two stakeholder briefing sessions were undertaken during the public consultation period to industry, peak bodies, conservation groups, local governments and community groups. Although the public consultation period has closed, State Government engagement with stakeholders continues.

Forrestfield Airport Link station precinct planning

Forrestfield-Airport Link is a new train line that will connect Forrestfield to the city. The rail link will connect with the existing Midland line near Bayswater Station and will run to Forrestfield through underground tunnels, to ensure minimal impact on the existing land and road network.

The Forrestfield Airport Link Project provides an important opportunity for transit-oriented development and land-use intensification around the proposed Airport West and Forrestfield stations. The WAPC has overseen the Department of Planning's station precinct planning activities for the Belmont and Forrestfield station precincts, in consultation with the Public Transport Authority, affected local governments and stakeholders.

In the past year a strategic planning framework for the Forrestfield Airport Link has been progressed; the Minister for Planning has granted approval for the declaration of planning control areas to enable the WAPC to determine development applications for land surrounding the two stations; and structure plans for the Belmont and Forrestfield station precincts have been prepared.

The Forrestfield Airport Link station precinct planning is now at the conclusion of the preliminary planning and design stage.

Perth Convention Precinct masterplan

The WAPC, through its Central Perth Planning Committee (consisting of representatives from the City of Perth, Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, departments of planning, transport and housing, LandCorp, Heritage Council of WA, Swan River Trust, Office of the Government Architect, and community and professional representatives) has commissioned the Department of Planning to prepare a detailed masterplan for the Perth Convention Precinct and a supporting business case for government consideration.

It is clear that significant benefits can be generated from complementary development that responds appropriately to the surrounding area and reinforces the strategic role of the precinct. The masterplan is based on a staged approach to development to 2050, and sets out a long-term strategic vision for the site. Detailed technical analysis including architectural concepts, movement network modelling and concept design, servicing requirements and commercial advice has been undertaken

Ascot Kilns and Golden Gateway projects

In late 2015 preparation began for the *Ascot Kilns Local Development Plan*, which will guide and coordinate development across the 1.6 hectare former Bristle Kiln site in Belmont. The local development plan seeks to establish a vision for comprehensive redevelopment of the site, and will:

- explore options to redevelop the site to include a diverse mix of land uses, including residential development
- provide guidance on the management and interpretation of the site's heritage structures, including detail on how the remaining heritage kilns and stacks can be integrated with future development

Two community design workshops were held in February and May 2016 to determine the preferred concept option and design elements for the site. Following this, the preparation of a refined concept has been underway along with the drafting of the local development plan and design guidance for the future of the site, and rezoning for the precinct is underway. Liaison with consultants has also occurred to finalise the majority of supporting studies for input into the local development plan.

The WAPC is also working closely with the City of Belmont to prepare a local structure plan to guide land use and development outcomes for the broader Golden Gateway precinct bounded by Great Eastern Highway, Resolution Drive, Grandstand Road and the Swan River, Ascot. The Golden Gateway Local Structure Plan will set out a vision for future redevelopment of the 27 hectare precinct, and will be used by a wide range of stakeholders to guide land-use and development outcomes.

Review of the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee

Infrastructure planning is a key aspect of Western Australia's economic development and the WAPC is instrumental to the strategic coordination of infrastructure planning for the State. During 2015/16, reforms have been underway with the role of the Infrastructure Coordination Committee (ICC). It is being made smaller and more tightly focused on infrastructure issues of strategic importance to Western Australia's economy and government.

The Infrastructure Steering Group (ISG) has been established to report to the ICC thereby providing a whole-of-government approach to strategic infrastructure planning and key priorities, for government decision making. The development of the Department of Planning's Infrastructure Monitoring Framework will also provide the ICC and ISG, and government decision-makers, with options for coordination planning to understand medium and long-term infrastructure needs to meet government objectives.



Revised regulations

In October 2015 new *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* came into effect to streamline and simplify planning application and approval processes throughout the State. This was a major implementation milestone of the State Government's *Planning Reform Phase Two* agenda. The new regulations apply to all local governments and replace *Town Planning Regulations 1967* and the associated model scheme text.

The Regulations, made under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (the Act), govern the way in which local planning strategies and local planning schemes are prepared, consolidated and amended. They provide for:

- The requirement, preparation and adoption of local planning strategies
- The preparation, adoption, amendment, review and consolidation of local planning schemes, supplementing Part 5 of the Act
- Development contribution areas and plan provisions
- Model provisions for local planning schemes provided as Schedule 1 Model provisions, and mandatory provisions which apply to all planning schemes as Schedule 2 Deemed provisions
- A common set of general and land use definitions
- A set of standard forms relating to development approval

In an effort to help local governments, homeowners, developers and industry professionals understand the new regulations, and to ensure a smooth transition, the WAPC also released a regulations 'frequently asked questions' document, flowcharts, timeframe matrix, and simplified templates and forms; updated delegations to officers of the WAPC; structure plan framework (replacement for the *Structure Plan Preparation Guidelines 2012*); a submissions report on the regulations; and a *Review of Local Planning Schemes* document.

As was intended at the time of the regulations coming into effect the Department, on behalf of the WAPC, has initiated a review of the regulations following six months of operation. The purpose of the review is to identify and address issues in the implementation of the reform initiatives delivered through the regulations. The review is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2016.

Strategic policy reviews

During 2015/16 the WAPC reiterated the importance of having a coherent policy framework by initiating a systematic review of state planning policies. State planning policies are prepared and adopted by the WAPC under statutory procedures set out in Part 3 of the Act.

The process of preparing a state planning policy includes public consultation and consideration by the Planning Minister and the Governor. The WAPC has tasked the Department of Planning with reviewing and making recommendations to the WAPC to ensure relevance and publishing in a format that provides a clear and accountable policy framework for WAPC instruments and decisions. In June 2016, the WAPC's *Policy Planning Framework* was introduced, providing ready online access to all planning policies for the first time.

Design WA

Part of the State Government's Planning Reform Phase Two agenda was a commitment that the WAPC would further investigate the mechanisms that could be used to improve built form and place design outcomes. Throughout 2015/16 significant progress has been made towards this commitment. On behalf of the WAPC, the Department of Planning has been working closely and continuously with the Office of the Government Architect and about 150 key planning, design and development stakeholders to develop guidelines that will sit under a Design WA banner. Design WA will include a number of initiatives:

- A state planning policy for the design of the built environment
- A state planning policy for apartment design that will be more performance based and responsive to multi-unit specific issues
- An implementation and training program

Bushfire reforms

On behalf of the WAPC, the Department developed a bushfire policy framework as part of the Government's package of reforms to help protect lives and property against the threat of bushfires throughout Western Australia. These reforms introduce new requirements for people intending to develop and/or build in bushfire prone areas, including the need to assess a property's bushfire risk and take additional construction measures to limit the impact of bushfires.

As part of the reforms, the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Amendment Regulations 2015* were introduced and came into effect on 8 April 2016. This complemented the release of *State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* and associated guidelines in December 2015. SPP 3.7 supersedes the bushfire sections of *SPP 3.4 Natural Hazards and Disasters* and the *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* replace the previous *Planning for Bush Fire Protection Guidelines*.

The Department of Planning, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Building Commission are working collaboratively to ensure that stakeholder issues relating to the implementation of the reforms are responded to appropriately.

State Planning Policy 5.1

SPP 5.1 Land Use Planning in the Vicinity of Perth Airport was gazetted in July 2015. The objectives of SPP 5.1 are to:

- protect Perth Airport from unreasonable encroachment by incompatible (noise sensitive) development, to provide for its ongoing development and operation
- minimise the impact of airport operations on existing and future communities with reference to aircraft noise

The policy underwent review to ensure it reflected changes in the airports Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF), on which the policy is predicated. The ANEF contours map, previously within the policy, is now only referenced in the policy to ensure that future updates of the ANEF will result in the corresponding policy measures applying immediately. The WAPC has endorsed the development of a state planning policy on land-use within the vicinity of aviation infrastructure across the State. This policy is likely to amalgamate the existing SPP 5.1 and 5.3 in the future.

SPP 3.1 Residential Design Codes

The WAPC's *State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes* (R-Codes) were amended to better control apartment development in suburban areas. The changes affect rules for parking and the formula for calculating the number of apartments allowed in areas coded R30 and R35 as well as potentially in areas coded R40 that are more than 800 metres from key activity centers and train stations. The medium-density single house development standards issued by the WAPC in 2014-15 were revised to ensure consistency with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* that came into effect in October 2015.

Coastal zone management

Managed and led by the Department of Planning on behalf of the WAPC, a major new high resolution bathymetric LiDAR survey from Hillarys to Horrocks, including the Abrolhos Islands and four south west coastal estuaries, was undertaken. The survey will enable modelling of storm surge and sea level rise impacts and coastal vulnerability and will contribute to coastal hazard risk management and adaptation planning. Funding of \$1.725 million was provided by the WAPC; Landgate; departments of fisheries, transport and water; State Emergency Management Committee; Mid-West Ports, City of Greater Geraldton and Northern Agricultural Catchments Council.

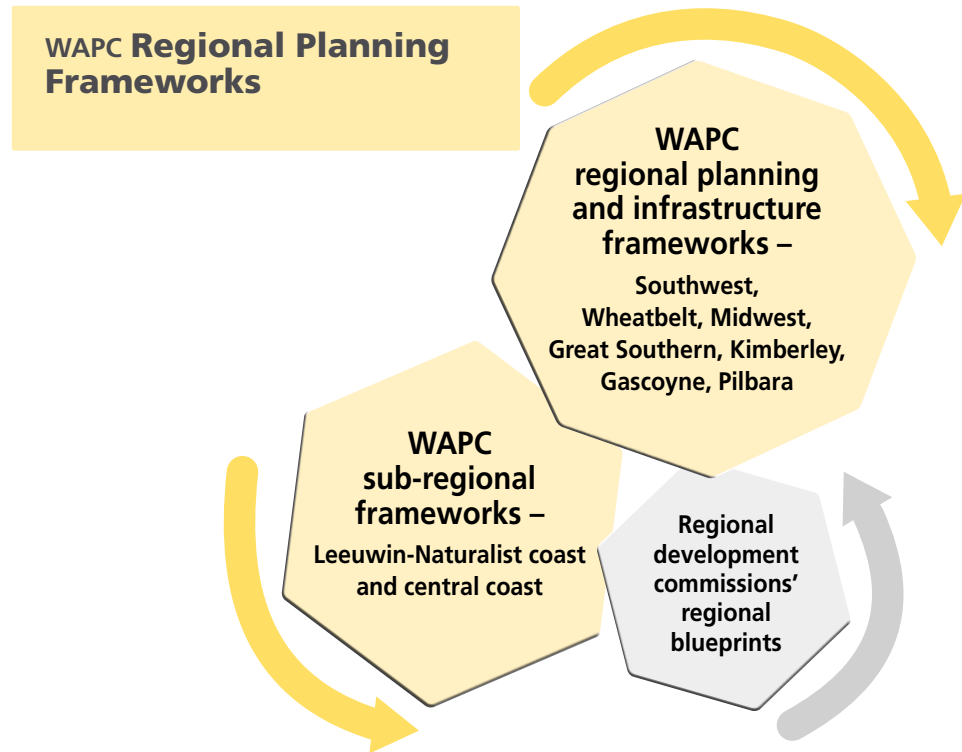
Coastwest and Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program (CMPAP) grants

More than \$676,000 in funding was provided to coastal land managers and community organisations to undertake 29 projects via the 2015/16 Coastwest and CMPAP grants.

Growing our regions

The WAPC supports the development and growth of regional Western Australia in undertaking its statutory and strategic functions as required under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. During 2015/16 the WAPC undertook its statutory functions and a range of associated activities that contributed to the prosperity and resilience of remote, regional and rural communities throughout the State.

In early 2016 the WAPC committed to holding two regional meetings per year. This will give WAPC members the opportunity to meet with local governments, and other key stakeholders to hear and observe first-hand regional land-use planning issues. The WAPC held its first regional meeting in Albany in March 2016.



Regional planning and infrastructure frameworks

In 2015 the WAPC, in partnership with regional development commissions, Regional Development Australia, and local governments, finalised regional planning and infrastructure frameworks for the State's eight country planning regions. The purpose of each framework is to establish a regional vision and basis for decision-making.

The next stage is to develop sub-regional planning strategies – preparation for the Central (Gingin to Kalbarri) and Leeuwin Naturaliste Coast strategies is already underway by the Department of Planning. The primary aim of the proposed strategies is to manage and plan for coastal growth by helping local governments implement State strategic issues in a sub-regional context, help decision making, and inform local planning documents such as local planning strategies and schemes.

- NORTHERN REGIONS
- CENTRAL REGIONS
- WHEATBELT REGION
- PERTH AND PEEL REGIONS
- SOUTH-WEST REGIONS



Plan for Greater Bunbury

In April 2016 the WAPC's *draft Wanju District Structure Plan* was released for public comment.

The proposed new community of Wanju, east of Eaton and Millbridge, is a significant greenfield development planned for Greater Bunbury over the next few decades. It will provide an innovative change for Greater Bunbury through a sustainable mixed-use, high-density urban centre with a strong sense of place. Wanju will also support diverse economic and lifestyle options for the South-West's growing population and will be home to 50,000 people in 20,000 residences.

The *draft Wanju District Structure Plan* is an example of the strategic direction that WAPC will seek to adopt more frequently. Together with plans for the nearby Waterloo Industrial Park and ongoing development within existing urban areas of Bunbury, it will be a key driver for the area's growth and success.

Nambeelup industrial area

The WAPC's *Nambeelup Industrial Area District Structure Plan* was also released in April 2016. It will guide the development of a modern industrial estate to stimulate major development planned for the Greater Bunbury region. This is a 30-year plan to develop Nambeelup industrial area, with proposals to rezone additional land for industrial purposes, and to plan for up to 30,000 new jobs in the region.

Greater Geraldton plan

The WAPC approved the *Greater Geraldton Local Planning Strategy* in November 2015, which is the City's first local planning strategy and represents the land-use planning response to the City's strategic community vision. The Strategy takes a long-term view based on an aspirational population of 100,000 people, with the expectation that it would be subject to periodical review and update.

Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area (ANSIA)

In October 2015 the WAPC released the *draft Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area Improvement Scheme No. 1* for public comment. The ANSIA, located 12 kilometres south west of the town of Onslow, is of strategic economic significance to the State. It provides for the development of liquefied natural gas production and domestic natural gas, other hydrocarbon based processing industries, and associated support industries.

The purpose of the draft improvement scheme is to:

- Create a strategic industrial estate comprising major hydrocarbon processing industries and synergistic services and/or facilities with viable port access
- Ensure the safe and efficient use of land for the long-term industrial development of a strategic industrial area of regional, State and national significance
- Provide an internationally competitive industrial estate that offers a layout designed to facilitate and encourage industry synergies, functional transport links and where possible, the sharing of infrastructure networks and corridors
- Minimise and mitigate adverse impacts on the surrounding land, the terrestrial and marine environment, and the Onslow community
- Ensure the appropriate separation and layout of land uses through appropriate internal and external buffers to prevent incompatible or conflicting land uses

Additional regional highlights

During 2015/16 the WAPC also undertook the following in regional Western Australia:

- *Lower Great Southern Strategy* endorsed and published
- *Yakamia Structure Plan*, to guide the development of 352 hectares of land in Albany, endorsed and published
- *State Planning Policy 6.1 – Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge (1998)* determined to require performance review, in the form of a 'report card'
- *Leeuwin Naturaliste Sub-Regional Planning Strategy* determined to be required
- *City of Busselton Local Planning Strategy* consent to advertise determined
- *City of Bunbury Local Planning Scheme No.8 and Local Planning Strategy* consent to advertise determined
- *Augusta-Margaret River Local Tourism Planning Strategy* endorsed by the WAPC
- *City of Karratha Local Planning Strategy* consent to advertise determined
- *Shire of East Pilbara Local Planning Strategy* consent to advertise determined
- *Kimberley Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework* endorsed and published
- *Halls Creek Local Planning Strategy* endorsed and published
- *Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Local Planning Scheme* and strategy determined to be suitable for release for public comment
- Glenfield Beach and Buller structure plans, in the City of Greater Geraldton and Shire of Chapman Valley respectively, determined
- *City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1* determined

Indian Ocean Territories

The Indian Ocean Territories (Cocos and Christmas Islands) are provided with a town planning service by the WAPC under a State-Commonwealth agreement. During 2015/16 the WAPC undertook limited activities in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Remote settlements

During 2015/16 the WAPC undertook the following in relation to remote settlements:

- Drinking water source protection plans were prepared for remote settlements in the Shires of Derby/West Kimberley and Wyndham/East Kimberley (Ngumpan, Joy Springs, Muludja, Kundat Djaru and Woolah).
- Layout plans were prepared under *State Planning Policy 3.2 Aboriginal Settlements*. During 2015/16 one new layout plan was endorsed and 17 were amended.

Statutory determinations and advice

The WAPC determined, or the Minister for Planning determined on advice from the WAPC, the following statutory functions across regional Western Australia:

- 545 subdivisions
- 41 structure plans
- Six local planning schemes
- 27 scheme amendments
- Six region scheme amendments.

asset management services

This core service involves the acquisition, management and disposal of properties reserved under the metropolitan, Peel and Greater Bunbury region schemes. It is for primary and other regional roads, parks and recreation, regional open space areas, special uses including planning control areas and improvement plans, and major land development projects.

Property acquisition

The WAPC's land acquisition program for 2015/16 included the purchase or payment of compensation for 51 properties totaling 902.9 hectares at a cost of \$117.26 million.

Major land purchases

Roads

In meeting strategic infrastructure plans for the future, a total of 27 properties were purchased comprising 56.54 hectares at a cost of \$20.34 million for the following road types:

Primary regional roads

- Boyanup Bypass
- Pinjarra Road
- South West Highway (Armadale)
- Shepperton Road
- Guildford Road (two properties)
- Canning Highway (five properties)
- Perth-Adelaide Highway (two properties)
- Roe Highway

- Wanneroo Road
- Charles Street
- Stirling Highway
- Mitchell Freeway (Alkimos)
- Rowley Road (Hope Valley)

Other regional roads

- Lord streets, East Perth and Bassendean
- Scarborough Beach Road
- Main St, Balcatta (three properties)
- Walcott Street
- William Street

Railways

Two properties totaling 15.64 hectares were purchased for the extension of the northern suburbs railway at a cost of \$15.78 million. These purchases represent 2.6 kilometres of the future rail corridor at Alkimos and Eglinton.

Parks and recreation (regional open space)

One property comprising 90 hectares was purchased at a cost of \$13.46 million at Alkimos for regional open space, which includes 10 hectares for active sporting facilities.

River and ocean foreshores

During the financial year the WAPC continued the long-standing government policy of bringing the ocean and major river foreshores into public ownership for future access. Eight properties were acquired involving 7.34 hectares. Six were purchased at a total cost of \$1.77 million. Two (Alkimos and Secret Harbour) were transferred to the WAPC free of cost to implement foreshore management arrangements by developers to provide public beach facilities (a kiosk and Surf Lifesaving facilities respectively):

- Indian Ocean foreshore at Alkimos (two properties).
- Canning River (two properties)
- Southern River
- Swan River (two properties)
- Secret Harbour

Regional parks

Twelve properties comprising 261 hectares were purchased at a cost of \$20.05 million for regional parks in the metropolitan, Peel and Greater Bunbury region schemes:

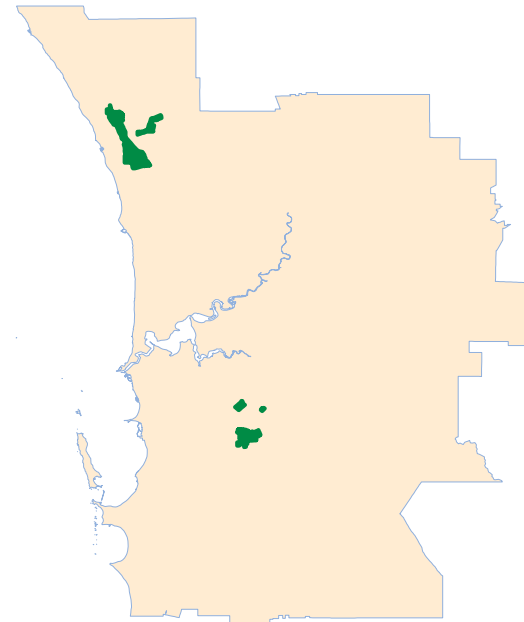
- Beeliiar Regional Park (0.62 hectares) – The Spectacles
- Peel Regional Park (three properties at North Yunderup and South Yunderup)
- Rockingham Lakes Regional Park (\$5.65 million compensation paid) in respect of 94 hectares of Paganoni Swamp which represents 100 per cent of land value

- Preston River to Ocean Regional Park (six properties)
- Leschenault Regional Park.

Bush Forever

Four properties comprising 458 hectares were purchased at a cost of \$36.21 million for Bush Forever sites:

- Harrisdale Swamp and adjoining bushland (site 253)
- Passmore Street bushland (site 465)
- Forrestdale Lake Nature Reserve and adjacent bushland (site 345)
- Neerabup Lake (sites 383 and 293)



Property disposals

Property disposals comprise predominantly of remainder land purchased for strategic reserve purposes that are surplus to requirements following changes to regional planning. Surplus land may also include subdivided land where the WAPC purchases whole lots, with the agreement of the owner (when only part is required). The lot is then subdivided and the required portion transferred to the end Government land user (for example Main Roads WA) and the surplus balance is available for disposal.

During 2015/16, 11 lots totaling 65.26 hectares, were transferred free of cost to the State Government for parks and recreational purposes including the Brixton Street Wetlands (Bush Forever Site 387), the Canning River Regional Park and the Serpentine River foreshore.

Thirty seven lots were dedicated free of cost for other regional roads within the cities of South Perth, Canning, Gosnells, Vincent, Stirling, Rockingham, and Mandurah, and the Town of Victoria Park and Shire of Kalamunda.

Five lots acquired for the Perth to Bunbury (Forrest) Highway were transferred at nil cost to Main Roads WA, who provided the funds to settle the acquisitions.

A further nine lots were transferred to Main Roads WA for \$2.22 million for the Perth Freight Link, and one property was sold to the Public Transport Authority for \$1.6 million for a new bus layover as part of the Charles Street bus bridge and busway project. An additional two lots were sold to the Housing Authority for \$477,500 for affordable housing initiatives.

The WAPC paid \$4.5million to the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority to complete the first stage of the Lloyd Street southern extension at Midland. The project involved the construction of the road from the Great Eastern Highway to Clayton Street with an underpass

of the rail freight lines. The WAPC funding was a contribution to the underpass having previously provided land acquired for the project free of cost. The project ensures continuity of access to the new Midland Hospital.

The WAPC continues to be an interim land manager, however in circumstances where land is no longer required, it disposes of these parcels at market value on the open market as part of the Government's land asset disposal program. Proceeds of sale are reinvested in the respective region planning schemes and primarily used to compensate land owners affected by long-term public use reservations.

Seven properties were sold by private treaty and by land exchange for a total of \$8.64 million including five lots in Holmes Street, Southern River following the removal of this regional road from the Metropolitan Region Scheme. The WAPC acquired a four hectare future primary school and a cash adjustment in exchange for the Holmes Street land sold.

A further nine lots were sold to LandCorp for \$21.1 million for future residential and industrial developments including McNicholl Street Rockingham, Port Kennedy Drive Port Kennedy, Hay Road Ascot, McTaggart Cove North Coogee and Pipidinny Road Eglinton.

The WAPC also transferred two lots totaling 4890 square metres to Atlas Brick Pty Ltd at nil cost in accordance with a land exchange agreement which was entered into in 2012 to allow the WAPC to progress the acquisition of regional open space in Mirrabooka.

Port Kennedy Development Agreement Act 1992

The Department, on behalf of the WAPC, assists the Minister to facilitate the development of Crown land in the City of Rockingham, known as the Port Kennedy Development, in accordance with the *Port Kennedy Development Agreement Act 1992* (the Act). The Act provides for Crown land to be granted under a three-stage development to Western Australia Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd (WABGR). In exchange, WABGR construct and provide the State with agreed public work infrastructure items. The intention is to provide a coastal residential, recreational and tourism development for the benefit of the local and wider community.

The development has faced various challenges over the years and, most recently following a WAPC position in 2012 prescribing increased 100 year setbacks for coastal developments, the project as agreed under the Act became unviable. The Minister therefore requested the Department work with WABGR to find a way to progress the project notwithstanding the revised setbacks.

The Department has undertaken a comprehensive review of the project and is working with WABGR and the Office of the Valuer General to reframe the project. Various potential development options and public works are being considered with the aim of creating a viable development that meets the community's needs.

A reframed project has been negotiated, however will require the existing Act to be repealed and replaced by a normalised planning framework and development agreement in order for the project to proceed. A normalised planning framework will ensure the project proceeds through a fully transparent and open public consultation process.

Whiteman Park

Whiteman Park has continued to build a reputation for excellence in park management and is now recognised as one of the most popular family and tourist destinations in Perth with 900,000 visitors yearly — and growing.

The growing popularity of the park within both domestic and international tourist markets has been due in large part to the continued investment in providing high quality facilities, services and product that define Whiteman Park and set it apart from other destinations.

It is anticipated that the park's popularity will continue to grow at a steady rate as urban development increases in the Swan Valley and the park's national and international reputation as a "must see" tourist destination continues to build.

In December 2015, the WAPC approved the *Whiteman Park 5 Year Management Plan 2015-2020*, a blueprint for the direction of the park and its community groups over the next five years and beyond to cater for increased visitation and ensure long-term sustainability.

The plan is a continuation of the work achieved through the *Whiteman Park 5 Year Management Plan 2009-2014* and outlines the business direction, infrastructure projects and community partnership projects the park is likely to undertake to meet the demands of future growth and popularity.

This year, volunteers engaged directly by Whiteman Park contributed 7,131 hours of their time to help the park achieve many goals. At an estimated value of \$32.30 per volunteer hour, this equated to a monetary value of \$231,757.50 for the year. Volunteers assisted with many of the park's operations including working in the Visitor Information Centre and Revolutions Transport Museum, and helping with education programs, tours, public events, and environmental programs.

In 2015, the park was recognised by the WA Heritage Awards for the work Revolutions Transport Museum and the various Transport heritage groups do in maintaining a collection of heritage vehicles relating to public transport in Western Australia.

Once again, the park was a finalist in the 2015 WA Tourism Awards in the Major Tourist Attraction category.

In 2016, the park and transport heritage groups participated in the Australia-wide 2016 Heritage Festival. This was the third year the park had contributed to the festival and was a major success.

Whiteman Park also hosted a workshop for the Australian Institute of Conservation of Cultural Materials featuring internationally recognised conservator David Hallam and attracting delegates from as far as Tasmania and New South Wales.

Revolutions Transport Museum celebrated 10 years of operation by staging the 10 Years of Change in Transport in WA exhibition, reflecting on the changes in public transport over the past 10 years. The exhibition was partnered and supported by the RAC, E-bikesrus and the Public Transport Authority.

Whiteman Park continued to be a leader in environmental management, and during 2015/2016 more than 12,000 wetland and woodland species were planted throughout the park in select locations to provide habitat and increase biodiversity. Community groups, schools and corporate groups were integral to the planting program. A special wetland planting project in the vicinity of Mussel Pool included the establishment of over 3000 rush and reed species with the aim of improving the water quality of the pool.

Autumn of 2016 saw the introduction of 20 brush tail possums through a partnership with the University of Western Australian and Perth Zoo. Possums from the Perth Zoo grounds were relocated to Whiteman Park to supplement the current population.



In addition, a further nine tammar wallabies were introduced from Karakamia, an Australian Wildlife Conservancy in the Perth hills, adding significantly to the genetic diversity of the current population in the woodland reserve. Two emus and two black gloved wallabies now also call the reserve home following coordination with the Department of Parks and Wildlife to provide a safe place for this displaced fauna.

The current woylie population within the woodland reserve is recovering well from the 2014 bushfire, with numbers estimated at 187. Ongoing work with Murdoch University on woylie health, density and distribution has led to the drafting of a number of scientific papers, with three being completed for publication.

The park has built on its past successes and this year there have been a number of major achievements and infrastructure projects that have been successfully undertaken by the staff and the Whiteman Park community.

Community partnerships

Whiteman Park had a number of success stories involving partnerships with various community groups that call the park home. These included:

- Assisting the Motor Museum of Western Australia in securing a Lotterywest grant valued at \$712,000. The grant will be used to construct a second building that will double the capacity of the museum, as well as an education centre and workshop area so apprentice mechanics can come to the museum and work on vehicles.
- Pia's Place: The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the WAPC and Pia's Place partners Amy and Tony Rudd, the Touched By Olivia Foundation and the Lions Club of Noranda for the eventual construction of a nature play all-access play area to be located opposite the dog park at Mussel Pool east.

- The Western Australian Model Aircraft State Centre located in Whiteman Park held the 2016 World Control Line Championships, the first time the event has been held outside of Europe. The event was very successful with competitors from a number of international locations taking part.
- In partnership with the Public Transport Authority, a trial bus route directly into the park was made available for the first time, giving visitors the ability to ride public transport to get directly into the Whiteman Village. The bus stop is located adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre.

Capital works

This year the park successfully completed approximately \$1.2 million in capital works projects that added to the other great facilities within the park. These included:

- The replacement of the village vista playground. The new play equipment includes activities to cater from toddlers to early teens with a variety of challenging and modern activities.
- Construction of a raised decking, lighting and pathway within woodland reserve to cater for wheel chairs, prams and other mobility assistance devices to expand our audience for woodland nocturnal tours.
- New pedestrian and bike paths were installed from Lord St to the village, the village through to Mussel Pool and other areas within the park to make access around the park more user-friendly.
- Construction of an information bay and shelter located at the observation deck at Whiteman Drive West to cater for cars and coaches entering the park from Beechboro Rd.
- Asphalt surfacing and car bay line marking to a number of car parks in the village.

- Landscaping of the village car park to improve the aesthetics of the area.
- Upgrading of the toilet block at Mussel Pool West including new tiling, water efficient cisterns and new wash facilities.
- Construction of shade sails and decking within the Children's Forest.
- Construction of limestone firebreak tracks and emergency escape routes.
- Replacement and upgrade of various park vehicles.

Field management

The Department of Planning provides services to the WAPC, which includes management of its property portfolio and land estate. During 2015/16 the estate, comprising land identified in the Metropolitan, Peel and Greater Bunbury Region Schemes, continued to be managed for the purposes the land is reserved for under each scheme and in light of the WAPC's role as an interim land manager.

The Department manages approximately 14,350 hectares of land across the three region schemes. Primary management operations included fire mitigation, fencing and access control, control of alien flora and fauna species, rubbish removal and liaison with neighbours and future land managers. Illegal access and misuse of WAPC land is a significant financial and environmental concern to the Department, and to address this, the Department has undertaken additional surveillance and related programs across the WAPC estate in conjunction with other relevant State government departments and local government authorities.

The Department is involved in revegetation, civil works and improvement programs where these meet the region scheme requirements as well as local and State government priorities. The Department continues to work with local community representatives and Landcare groups to ensure that, where possible, public access to the estate is possible and enhanced through revegetation and other programs. The Department

continues to engage expert advice and service provision to undertake significant operational works and is closely guided by State procurement requirements and financial management practice as it undertakes its annual programs.

Rental management

The WAPC has, as part of its asset acquisition program, a number of properties that have been purchased in preparation for future infrastructure developments and regional open space. These properties are suitable for, and consequently managed as, commercial or private residential rentals until required for a schemes-intended purpose. Rental rates for each property are benchmarked against industry standard rates for their respective areas and the Department abides by the Residential Tenancies Act in applying rates for all residential tenancies and the *Commercial Tenancies Act* for its commercial tenancy rates.

During 2015/16, there were 216 residential and 61 commercial properties in the metropolitan area, plus 11 residential properties and one commercial property in regional areas that were rented or leased under the *Residential Tenancies or Commercial Tenancies Act*. The WAPC received \$5,916,483 in rent from these portfolios.

governance and other disclosures

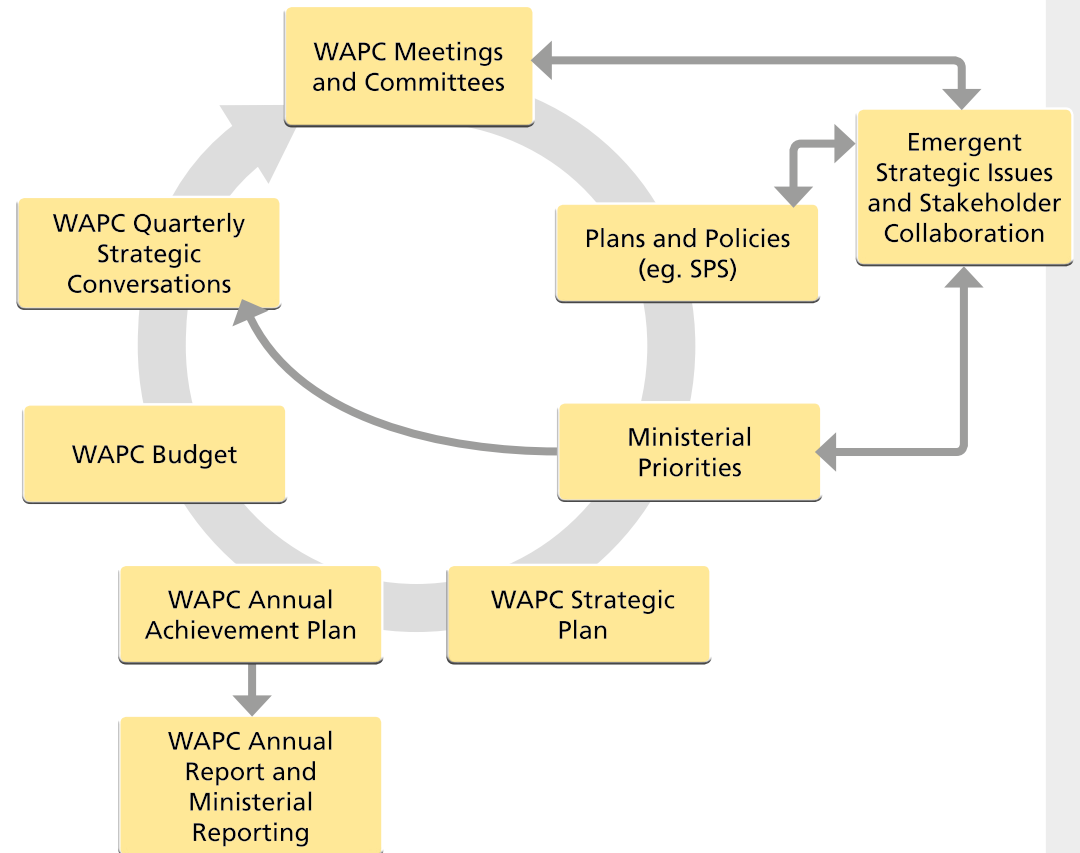
Ministerial directives

There were no ministerial directives during 2015/16.

Governance

The WAPC's strategic plan aligns with the Department of Planning's strategic plan and with the State Government's performance management framework that guides the development of policies, programs and services.

Figure 3: WAPC continuous strategic planning cycle



2016 Client satisfaction survey

Each year a client satisfaction survey is carried out on the operations of the WAPC and the Department of Planning to ensure that our standard of service more than adequately meets client's needs. Survey results are used to inform the WAPC's key performance indicators.

The 2016 survey found that overall satisfaction with the WAPC Chair and committees in providing strategic direction in metropolitan and regional planning was above 75 per cent, an improvement on previous years'.

SATISFACTION WITH WAPC	2012/13 %	2013/14 %	2014/15 %	2015/16 %
Metropolitan Planning	66.4	59.1	70.7	75.8
Regional Planning	66.8	62.1	64.5	75.9



Audit and Risk Management Committee

At its 9 February 2016 meeting, under delegated authority, the Executive Finance and Property Committee approved the establishment of an Audit and Risk Management Committee for the WAPC. The new Committee has three members, comprising of elected members of the Executive Finance and Property Committee. The primary objective of the Committee is to improve the credibility and objectivity of the WAPC's governance framework and accountability processes.

The WAPC Secretary and the Chief Finance Officer are invited to attend as observers. The Committee has a formal Charter. The Committee's inaugural meeting was held on 8 June, 2016.

Internal audit

In accordance with a Service Delivery Agreement between the Department of Planning and the WAPC, the Department's internal audit function provides an independent and objective assurance and consulting service to the WAPC. Internal Audit conducts comprehensive audits in accordance with an endorsed Internal Audit Charter and Audit Program. The key reviews undertaken in 2015/16 included:

- Corporate Key Performance Indicators
- Management of Contaminated Sites

In addition, Internal Audit conducted a number of reviews to provide the Department with assurance that adequate and appropriate controls were in place for various functions and activities that are undertaken by the Department on behalf of the WAPC. For 2015/16, these audits included:

- Complaints Management and Reporting
- Lodgement and Processing of Planning Applications

The recommendations emanating from internal audit reviews that impact on the WAPC are managed and monitored through the Department's Audit Recommendation Management System. The system enables officers with responsibility for actioning matters to view, update and request to clear audit issues at any time. Progress reporting on the status of implementation of internal audit recommendations impacting on the WAPC was previously reported to the Executive Finance and Property Committee, but is now reported to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

External audit

Apart from the Office of the Auditor General's annual financial attest audit, the WAPC was not included in any other specific audits in 2015/16. Recommendations from external audit reviews that impact on the WAPC are managed and monitored through the Department's Audit Recommendation Management System. Prior to the establishment of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, progress reporting on the status of implementation of external audit recommendations impacting on the WAPC was reported to the Executive Finance and Property Committee.

Probity

Advertising and marketing expenditure

In accordance with Section 175 ZE of the *Electoral Act 1907* the WAPC incurred the following expenditure with advertising, market research, polling, direct mail and media advertising.

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING EXPENDITURE	
Western Australian Planning Commission	
Adcorp Australia Limited	129,728.12
Datatrax Pty Limited	804.54
Facebook	316.17
Orberwill Pty Ltd o/a The Digital Imagineers Company	15,000.00
On Topic Media Pty Ltd	1,750.02
Optimum Media Decisions (WA) Limited	119,980.01
TOTAL	267,578.86

Major capital projects

Details of major capital projects at 30 June 2016 on accordance with *Treasurer's Instruction 903 Section 13 (ii) (a) (b)* are listed below:

PROJECT NAME	EXPECTED YEAR OF COMPLETION	EST COST TO COMPLETE \$'000	EST TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$'000
Western Australian Planning Commission			
Acquisition of Land	Ongoing	84,185	87,369
Regional Land Acquisition	Ongoing	20,757	18,290

Appendix 1: Western Australian Planning Commission members (as at 30 June 2016)

MR ERIC LUMSDEN PSM

Chairman

Eric Lumsden was formally appointed Western Australian Planning Commission Chair in 2013, following 12 months in that role while also concluding six years as the Director General for the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (and latterly the Department of Planning).

He was previously CEO of the City of Melville and the City of Swan. Mr Lumsden holds masters degrees in town planning and business administration, and post graduate qualifications in local government and social sciences, and has been a leading planning professional with over 45 years' experience.

He is a life fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia, fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, fellow of the Institute of Public Administration, and fellow and past president of the WA division of the Local Government Managers Association. In 2005 Mr Lumsden was awarded a Public Service Medal for his contribution to local government, especially in the area of economic development. In 2012 he was made a National Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration of Australia and in 2015 was awarded the Dr Ken Michael Gold Medal by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.

MAYOR HENRY ZELONES OAM JP

Local government (metropolitan) representative

Mayor Henry Zelones OAM JP was elected as a councillor at the City of Armadale in 1989. He is a serving member of the WA Local Government Association State Council (2005) and Deputy Commissioner WAPC (2004) and Commissioner WAPC (2010). He served as Chairman of the Armadale Development/ Planning Services Committee, a position he has held for 20 years. Mayor Zelones has also been a board member of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (2002-2011), the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's Armadale Local Redevelopment Committee (2011 – 2015) and the State Heritage Council (2008-2013).

Mayor Zelones has been closely involved with local government reform, chairing WALGA's Planning Reform Policy Forum and local government reform committees. He has extensive experience in private industry, having establishing his own business in 1971. He has served as a board member of the WA Chamber of Commerce and a member of the local Business Association for more than 30 years. He also has a background in information and communication technologies.

CR VERONICA FLEAY

Local government (non-metropolitan) representative

Veronica (Ronnie) Fleay has an extensive record of high-level community, State Government and local government service, as well as several years' experience as a small business operator. Kojonup-born Ms Fleay lived in Exmouth for 12 years before returning to the Great Southern in 2011. She has served as Chair of the Gascoyne Development Commission and sat on the Gascoyne Regional Council, the Western Australian Planning Commission, the Ningaloo Coast Planning Committee, Western Australian Local Government Association and the Great Southern Development Commission. Former President of the Shire of Exmouth, Ms Fleay is currently Kojonup Shire President.

DR GARRY MIDDLE

PH.D.; M. Phil. (Urban Studies); C.Sc. (Hons Env. Sc.); S.SC. (Chem) Dip. Ed.

Coastal Planning and Management Representative

Dr Garry Middle is an adjunct senior research fellow at Curtin University, and is the Director of independent research company Vision Environment. He has more than 30 years' experience in environment planning, coastal planning, policy and governance; environmental impact assessment; and strategic environmental assessment; working with State and local governments as a consultant and an academic.

Dr Middle was previously the Appeals Convenor for the Minister for Environment and prior to that was Director, Environment and Natural Resource Planning at the Department for Planning and Infrastructure; Manager, Strategic Planning and Environment at the City of Rockingham; and Manager, Environmental Planning Branch servicing the Environmental Protection Authority. Dr Middle sits on the Planning Institute of Australia's National Education Committee, is a member of the International Association of Impact Assessment and is chair of Great Victoria Desert Biodiversity Trust, an independent trust fund.

MR PAUL DRECHSLER

Professional representative

Paul Drechsler, former Group Managing Director of national architectural and planning practice, Hames Sharley, has been a Commissioner of the Western Australian Planning Commission since 2010. As a professional Town Planner, Geographer and Land Economist Mr Drechsler has 40 years' experience in urban and regional planning, commercial and retail development feasibility studies, urban design and large-scale land development.

Mr Drechsler has a double major in geography and biological science and is a PhD candidate at the University of Western Australia. His research focus is on the retail sector; place consumption, experiential shopping environments and the impact of digital technologies and e-commerce on physical retail platforms.

He is Deputy Presiding Member of the North West Metropolitan Development Assessment Panel and an alternate Deputy Presiding Member for all metropolitan development assessment panels. Mr Drechsler's professional affiliations include Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia, Fellow of the Australian Property Institute and member of the Institute of Australian Geographers.

PROFESSOR ROBERT HARVEY

Professional representative

Professor Robert Harvey commenced his career as an engineer in the then Water Authority, specialising in resource management, planning and policy. His last position in the Authority was as Director Water Resources Planning. As an Executive Director at the Department of Justice from 1999 to 2003, he was responsible for community corrections, juvenile justice and correctional policy. He oversaw the introduction of the State's first privately operated prison and made significant improvements to an important part of the State's criminal justice system.

From 2003 to 2009 Professor Harvey was Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Business and Law at Edith Cowan University. He was a member of the Board of the Water Corporation from 2007 to 2012. Since 2012 Professor Harvey has been Deputy Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority. He is also a Director of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Australia and Chairman of the Western Australian Division of the Trust.

MR GLEN KELLY

(membership expired 31.12.15)

Indigenous interests representative

Mr Glen Kelly is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Native Title Council and former Chief Executive Officer of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, the Native Title representative body for the South West of Western Australia.

He is a Wardandi Noongar man and possesses a Bachelor of Environmental Science degree.

Mr Kelly has been working in the Aboriginal community sector since the early 1990s and specifically in protected area, land and cultural resource management and, since 2001, in the area of native title. He has served on a number of committees and statutory boards at both Australian and State levels.

MS GAIL MCGOWAN**Director General, Department of Planning**

Gail McGowan was appointed Director General of the Department of Planning in April 2014.

As Director General of the Department, a key priority of Ms McGowan's has been ensuring that the State Government and WAPC's comprehensive planning reform agenda is delivered.

Ms McGowan has also overseen the development by the Department of Planning of the WAPC's suite of draft strategic land use planning documents, *Perth and Peel@3.5million*, to consider how best to accommodate a population of 3.5 million people by 2050.

Ms McGowan is a highly regarded leader and negotiator across industry, government and the wider community and has previously held senior positions at the Department of State Development and Worksafe.

Ms McGowan is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and member of Chief Executive Women of Australia.

MR MIKE ROWE**Director General, Department of Water**

Mike Rowe has been the Acting Director General of the Department of Water since November 2014 and was appointed Director General in June 2016.

He is an experienced member of the Western Australian Government's senior executive service, having worked in a variety of leadership, policy, advisory and delivery roles across nine agencies since 1993 including agriculture, environment, Aboriginal affairs, the Public Sector Commission, Premier and Cabinet and regional development.

MR REECE WALDOCK

Director General, Department of Transport

Mr Reece Waldock has more than 25 years' experience in strategic management with particular expertise in organisational reform.

He held a number of senior executive roles within the Department of Commerce and Trade and the Department of Transport.

Prior to his career with the WA public sector, Mr Waldock held a number of senior management roles with BHP.

In 2000, following the sale of the rail freight business of the Western Australian Government Railways Commission, he acted in the position of Commissioner of Railways.

With the creation of the Public Transport Authority in 2003, Mr Waldock was appointed as the inaugural CEO and oversaw the integration of all statewide public transport services, together with a major construction program, which included the Mandurah Railway.

In 2010, the State Government integrated its three key transport agencies and Mr Waldock was appointed to head the Transport portfolio, consisting of the Department of Transport, Main Roads WA and the Public Transport Authority.

MR JASON BANKS

Director General, Department of Environment Regulation

Jason Banks was appointed as the inaugural position of Director-General of the Department of Environment Regulation in 2014 following 12 months of acting in the role after the department's creation in July 2013. He led the formation of the agency, overseeing more than 300 staff and driving a range of reforms.

Mr Banks has extensive management experience and has worked more than two decades at a range of State Government agencies including as CEO and Co-ordinator of Energy at the Office of Energy. He has also worked as a senior adviser with the Department of State Development and as a management consultant with the Public Sector Commission.

MR STEPHEN WOOD

B. Psych; M. Pub. Admin.

Director General, Department of State Development

Stephen Wood commenced his current position in May 2011. He has held a variety of positions across the Commonwealth and State public sectors. He was previously Deputy Director General, Strategic Issues at the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Commissioner of the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

MR PAUL WHYTE

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority

Since March 2015, Mr Whyte has been Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority and Acting Director General of the Department of Housing, and was previously General Manager of the Commercial Operations Division.

Mr Whyte has broad experience in the private and public sectors. Before joining the Housing Authority in September 2009, he was Acting Chief Executive Officer at Landgate and has also held senior roles with the Valuer General's Office and the Department of Land Information. In late 2014, Mr Whyte held the position of Acting Director General of the Department of Regional Development, overseeing the Government's Royalties for Regions program.

MR ROSS THORNTON

Local government (non-metropolitan) representative

Mr Ross Thornton is a qualified town planner, registered builder and is presently farming in Denmark. Much of his early career focused on residential/commercial and subdivisional development.

Mr Thornton was the Shire President (Denmark) until October 2015, is a current member of the Statutory Planning Committee and Deputy Chair of the Great Southern Development Commission. His focus is on coordinating and supporting endeavours that build a strong and integrated regional economy through appropriate regional development.

Associate member

MR DAVID (RALPH) ADDIS

Director General, Department of Regional Development

Mr Addis was appointed as Director General of the Department of Regional Development in November 2014. He is currently involved with the oversight of the State Government's Regional Development agenda, which aims to build the socio-economic foundations for development, drive growth, and attract new investment, as a key to the future prosperity of our regions.

Previously, Mr Addis was founding CEO of Wunan, an Aboriginal development agency in the Kimberley committed to providing Aboriginal people with opportunity through education, housing, and employment, where he helped build significant commercial assets, a major regional employment services business, and the innovative Transitional Housing model. He also chaired the Kimberley Development Commission for two years and held roles with the WA Regional Development Council and the WA Regional Development Trust.

Mr Addis is a chartered accountant and economist.

Deputy members for local government representatives

Metropolitan – CR MICHAEL HUSTON
(Membership expired 16.01.16)

Non-metropolitan – CR VALERIE AMMON

Appendix 2: Western Australian Planning Commission committees and meetings

Number of meetings and reports

Western Australian Planning Commission

In 2015/16, the WAPC met 12 times and considered 141 reports.

Western Australian Planning Commission committees:

Committees that met regularly throughout 2015/16 were:

Executive, Finance and Property Committee

The committee performs the administrative, financial and property functions of the WAPC. Most of its activities centre on monitoring development projects, the acquisition and disposal of property and associated capital works. During 2015/16 the committee met 11 times and considered 107 formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is to operate as a sub-committee of the Executive, Finance and Property Committee and, as such, has been established under the delegated authority of, and has the full endorsement of the WAPC. During 2015/16 the committee met once and considered four formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Statutory Planning Committee

The committee is the WAPC's regulatory decision-making body. Its functions include approval of the subdivision of land, approval of leases and licenses, approval of strata schemes, advice to the Minister for Planning on local government town planning schemes and scheme amendments, and the determination of certain development applications under the Metropolitan Region Scheme. During 2015/16 the committee met 22 times and considered 274 formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Infrastructure Coordinating Committee

The committee advises the WAPC on planning for the provision of physical and community infrastructure throughout the State. It has the powers to coordinate the metropolitan development program, the country land development program and the provision of infrastructure for land development. During 2015/16 the committee met four times and considered 15 formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Infrastructure Steering Group

The Infrastructure Steering Group is to provide advice and make recommendations to the WAPC (on behalf of the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee) on the planning, coordination and provision of physical and community infrastructure throughout the State. During 2015/16 the committee met two times and considered eight formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Special purpose committees

The WAPC has created a number of special purposes committees to assist with its land-use planning activities across the State. Committees may have specific tasks or be established, as needed, to address a one-off situation. The WAPC sets the membership and terms of reference for these committees.

Central Perth Planning Committee

The committee was established to oversee and provide direction for planning in the Perth central area. It exercises delegated authority to deal with the City of Perth town planning scheme and scheme amendments; the Metropolitan Region Scheme and amendments; subdivisions, strata titles, leases and licenses; and development on reserved land within the City of Perth. During 2015/16 the committee met four times and considered nine formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Regional committees

South West Region Planning Committee

The committee is the longest established regional planning committee in the State. It undertakes strategic and statutory decision-making for land planning matters in the South-West region on behalf of the WAPC. It deals with the subdivision of land, local planning schemes and amendments, the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme and amendments and land development policies for the region. During 2015/16 the committee met five times and considered 32 formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

The Peel Regional Planning Committee

This committee was formed to oversee preparation of the Peel Region Scheme incorporating the local government districts of the City of Mandurah and the shires of Waroona and Murray. During 2015/16 the committee met twice and considered four formal reports in addition to general strategic discussion.

Appendix 3: Remuneration for committee members

SITTING FEES

Central Perth Planning Committee

Beck, Hamish Richard	500
Blackwell, Anthony Bowen	900
Butler, Robert John	200
Crowley, Margaret Anne	1,300
Fulker, Marion Celia	200
Scaffidi, Lisa-Michelle	600

Executive Finance and Property Committee

Frewing, Alexander Clifford	2,573
Strom, Rebecca Allison	4,778
Zelones, Henry Anthony	4,274

Peel Region Planning Committee

Beacham, Brenda Lillian	420
Chaney, Frederick Charles	420
Fitzpatrick, Paul Francis	420
Germain, Christine Ann	210
Vergone, Marina Elizabeth	210

Planning Commission

Drechsler, Paul John	13,700
Fleay, Veronica May	13,700
Harvey, Robert Anthony	12,558
Kelly, Glen Alan	6,850
Middle, Garry John	13,700
Thornton, Ross Douglas	13,700
Zelones, Henry Anthony	13,700

SITTING FEES

South West Region Planning Committee

Brennan, Gary Peter	210
Dilley, Stephen Beresford	630
Hicks, Stuart Keith	1,050
Jackson, Tania Gae	735
Klem, Geoffrey Vincent	1,365
Nicholas, John Digby	1,155
Pimm, Rosanne Bromley	1,155

Statutory Planning Committee

Adair, Megan Anne	7,350
Aubrey, Russell Anthony	7,718
Glickman, Raymond Barry	7,718
Hiller, Stephen Maitland	7,350
Holloway, Ian Janson	8,085
Taylor, Elizabeth	9,251
Thornton, Ross Douglas	735

TOTAL 159,417

SITTING FEES

Swan Valley Planning Committee

Gaudet, Joseph Alain	1,800
Gratte, Henry Victor	900
Griffiths, John David	1,500
Henderson, Rodney Keith	1,050
Hunt, Brian Atlee	1,200
Lovreta, Jim Anthony	1,350
Taylor, Elizabeth	1,800
Tomlinson, Derrick Gordon	2,200
Trease, Darryl Raymond	1,570
Vuleta, Keith John	1,200
Zannino, Cosimo	820

TOTAL 15,390