



# Western Australian Regional Freight Transport Network Plan

## 2014 REPORT CARD

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The Western Australian Regional Freight Transport Network Plan was released in May 2013. Of the 109 priority activities, studies and projects the plan identifies, almost half have secured funding, commenced work or completed at least one stage, with 5 per cent completed in their entirety.

The 2014 Report Card breaks down the significant progress made throughout the State towards the four key themes and 15 strategic directions set out in the Plan.

### PLANNING AND PROTECTING THE NETWORK

#### Direction 1

##### Plan regional freight centres for future development

- The Kalgoorlie Intermodal Terminal feasibility study was completed in 2013. The study identified expansion of the existing Aurizon West Kalgoorlie terminal as the preferred option for providing common-user intermodal terminal facilities in the Kalgoorlie area.

#### Direction 2

##### Prepare for growth in Western Australia's regional freight task - ports

- Dampier Floating Deck Transshipment System and the Dampier Floating Deck (extension to Dampier Cargo Wharf) are being developed.

#### Direction 3

##### Plan regional freight corridors for future development

- A contract has been awarded for the PortLink regional roads and rail corridors study. This work will focus on investigating a transport corridor between the Mid-West and Goldfields regions.

#### Direction 4

##### Connections between regional and metropolitan freight networks



- The Metropolitan Intermodal Network Development Assessment, studying future intermodal requirements, was completed in 2014.
- The Perth Freight Transport Network Plan has been finalised and will be considered by the Government shortly.
- Gateway WA road project construction is progressing and detailed project planning is underway for the North Link WA road project.

### MANAGING THE NETWORK

Nearly three quarters of the projects under this key theme are under way.

#### Direction 5

##### Roads: Optimise the efficient use of the freight network

There have been ongoing improvements regarding management of heavy vehicles. These include:

- Establishment of Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) unit, a 'one stop shop' for permits, approvals and escorts;

- MOVES online permit system for RAV Class 1 permits and traffic escorts;
- Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) helpdesk;
- Undergrounding of power lines on Great Northern Highway and around Mandurah; and
- New Road Train Assembly Areas opened in Forrestfield and Picton jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth.

A review of the concessional loading policy has also commenced.

### **Direction 6**

#### **Enhance port planning and governance arrangements**

- Tranche 1 of the ports governance review has been successfully implemented, with creation of the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West and Southern Ports Authorities.
- Tranche 2 of ports governance review is progressing, with legislative drafting underway to enable transfer of *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967* ports to three of the four new regional ports authorities.

### **Direction 7**

#### **Road and rail: Improve safety and social amenity outcomes**

- Rail Safety National Law (WA) Bill is currently before State Parliament.
- Subject to Parliamentary approval, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) will commence operations in Western Australia by 1 July 2015.

### **Direction 8**

#### **Design and implement a strategic freight research program**

- A high level review of how data is collected and analysed within the Transport Portfolio is in progress.

## **BUILDING AND MAINTAINING THE ROAD NETWORK**

### **Direction 9**

#### **Invest in the road network - targeted expansions, major upgrades and asset renewal programs**

Construction and funding commitments have been made to various projects including:

- Albany Highway, Harold Road to Settlement Road;
- Brand Highway, Greenough River bridge replacement;
- Brookton Highway, Corrigin to Hyden East;
- Coalfields Highway;
- Goldfields Highway, Wiluna to Meekatharra;
- Great Northern Highway, Muchea to Wubin;

- Marble Bar Road, Newman to Rippon Hills Road Turnoff; and
- North West Coastal Highway, Minilya to Barridale.

### **Direction 10**

#### **Improved landside access to regional port authority ports**

- The realignment of the Great Northern Highway at Port Hedland Port to bypass Wedgefield Industrial Estate has been completed.
- Bunbury Port Access Project Stage Two has been completed.

### **Direction 11**

#### **Alleviate the impact of heavy freight movements on regional centres**

- Ravensthorpe Heavy Haulage Route construction to commence in November 2014.
- Preliminary design work completed for Stage 1 of the Kununurra heavy vehicle bypass.
- Albany Ring Road Stages 2 & 3 incorporated in Main Road's 10 year investment plan.

## **FACILITATING AND SELECTIVELY INVESTING IN STRATEGIC RAIL AND PORT NETWORK PROJECTS**

### **Direction 12**

#### **Support a growing role for rail in the distribution of the freight task**

- \$187m re-sleepering of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 narrow gauge rail lines completed in December 2013.
- Kalgoorlie to Esperance rail line fibre optic communications backbone project Stage 1 completed. Planning for Stage 2 of a five stage re-sleepering program has commenced.

### **Direction 13**

#### **Invest towards common user port infrastructure at Oakajee**

- Transport related work on the Oakajee project has been suspended.

### **Direction 14**

#### **Ports: Support development of the State's Strategic Infrastructure Projects**

- A State Ports Strategy is in development.

### **Direction 15**

#### **Enable port capacity expansion**

##### **Kimberley:**

- \$24 million allocated in October 2013 to carry out the Broome Wharf Extension of Life Project at Broome Port.

### **Pilbara (Port Hedland):**

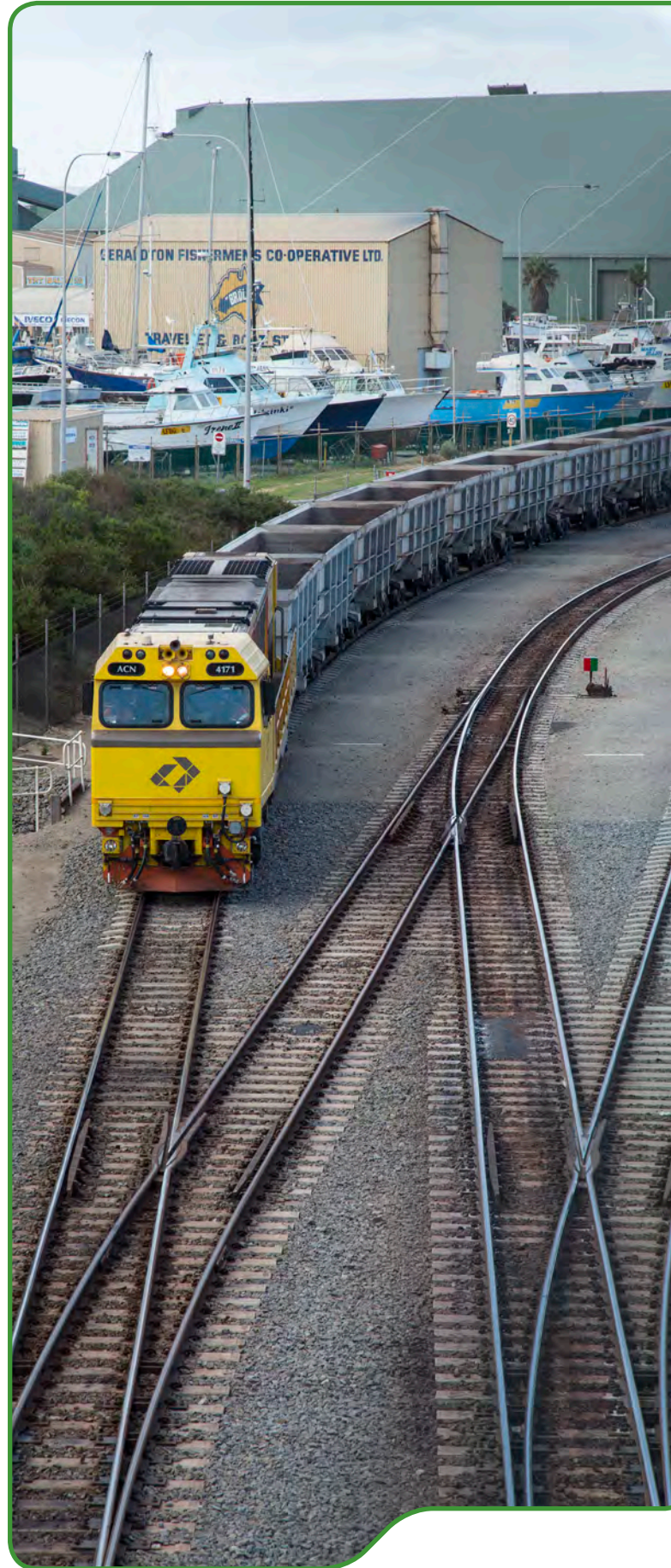
- Fortescue Metals Group berth AP4 commissioned in July 2013.
- Roy Hill port facilities currently under construction.
- Targeted dredging campaign in channel with net average benefit of 71cm.
- Upgrades to the Dynamic Under Keel Clearance system.

### **Mid West:**

- Development of measures to mitigate wave issues affecting Geraldton Port.

### **Southern:**

- Bunbury Port Preston River Realignment contract awarded with final engineering and design project commenced.
- Environmental licence for construction of five additional berths at Bunbury Port approved by the Minister for Environment in June 2014.
- Yilgarn Esperance Solution Ltd (YES) consortium selected as preferred proponent to develop the Esperance Multi User Iron Ore Facility.



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