I am pleased to report that Westport has completed the second multi-criteria analysis (MCA-2) on the shortlist of future port options. MCA-2 was a rigorous, detailed assessment of each option against a comprehensive list of economic, environmental and social performance criteria.

The outcome of MCA-2 is a ranking of the options based on how well they performed in comparison against the other options (information about the MCA-2 criteria and their weightings is available in Project Update 16).

A rapid cost-benefit analysis will now be conducted on the top-ranking options to determine the option/s that offer the best solution for the State's long-term freight needs.

I’m proud of the scope of research and analysis that has been achieved within a tight timeframe to complete MCA-2. Between August and November 2019, the Westport Taskforce and various consultancies have put in an incredible effort to deliver a robust, high-standard outcome that will now be socialised through our governance structure.

In December, the team will be busy writing the Stage 2 Outcomes Report, which will contain our final recommendations, as well as outlining the process, technical and scientific inputs, and stakeholder feedback that Westport used to arrive at its preferred option/s. That is more than two years of data collection, research, analysis, engagement and modelling being condensed into one report. It’s a big job, however the report will be completed by the end of the year, and presented to Government in the first quarter of 2020. This will mark another major milestone in the Westport journey.

I want to extend my personal and sincerest thanks to the Westport Taskforce, our project team, our many partners and consultancies, and anyone from the community who has contributed to our work to date. Westport is a highly collaborative process that relies on the engagement from our many stakeholders to be effective.

In our forthcoming Stage 2 Outcomes Report, you will see more details of the shortlisted options Westport has been investigating. However, on the spectrum of infrastructure planning and delivery, Westport is still in the early stages of work. Our information is still very high level and subject to change. The detailed designs, costings and environmental assessments for a new port development will come in subsequent stages of work, should the State Government proceed with Westport’s recommendations.

As always, I value your interest in our work. If you ever have any questions, insights or feedback, please don’t hesitate to contact Westport at enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season. The Westport Taskforce and I look forward to continuing our engagement with you in 2020.

Sincerely,

Nicole Lockwood
Independent Chair
Westport Taskforce
Changes to Westport’s shortlist

Westport announced its shortlist of five port options in August 2019. The shortlist, which was the result of the first multi-criteria analysis (MCA-1) on the long-list, consisted of three stand-alone Kwinana options and two shared Fremantle/Kwinana options.

After the release of Westport Beacon 7: Westport’s shortlist, the order and cataloguing of the options (which are now A-E) was subsequently changed for the purposes of MCA-2 and to allow the options to be re-assessed with a clean slate regardless of how they were ranked in MCA-1.

Since then, the Westport Taskforce has gathered information to enable a deeper understanding of how each option performs against the MCA-2 criteria.

As work for the MCA-2 got underway, it became evident that two sub-options (Option D2 and Option E2) were required to allow separate assessment of a staged transition from the shared port options (Options D and E) to a stand-alone port in Kwinana.

The transition Options D2 and E2 did not form part of MCA-1, but have now been added to the shortlist to enable investigations into infrastructure staging, timing and cost implications.

The addition of the two transition options highlights the complexity of Westport’s work and how the project has remained flexible to adapt to new inputs as required. This ensures that the best outcome can be achieved.

The revised shortlist of options assessed in MCA-2 are summarised in Table 1 below. Options A to E are all end-state options, while Options D2 and E2 are transition options that both lead to Option B as the end-state.

Table 1: Summary of shortlist options assessed in MCA-2

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Westport 2019 engagement statistics

Westport has continued to make stakeholder and community engagement a focus this year – your feedback is absolutely essential to shaping the project’s priorities and outcomes.

The infographic to the right shows Westport’s engagement statistics since January 2019, and how our reach continues to grow.

Thank you and season’s greetings

On behalf of the Westport team, we extend a HUGE thank you to all our stakeholders, community members, consultants and everyone that has contributed to the project this year.

The Westport project team is taking a break over the festive season. Our office will be closed from Wednesday 25 December 2019, and re-opens on Thursday 2 January 2020.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year.
Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA) Annual Conference, Melbourne, 15 October 2019

More than 300 people attended the ISCA conference to hear from leading practitioners about the future of transport, social sustainability, implementing new materials and project innovation.

Nicole Lockwood presented the framework being used to embed sustainability into the Westport planning process.

Annual WA Freight and Logistics Conference, Perth, 24 October 2019

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA) partnered with the Western Roads Federation to host the third annual WA Freight and Logistics Conference.

Western Australia’s freight and logistics sector is starting to show signs of strain from congested networks and innovative competition.

More than 150 people from government agencies and operators shared the opportunities and strategic challenges they experience.

Nicole presented about the integrated road, rail, port and intermodal options that have been identified through Westport’s rigorous, evidence-based process.

Fremantle Ports Maritime Day, Fremantle, 2 November 2019

Congratulations to Fremantle Ports on another highly successful Maritime Day. This annual event attracted more than 10,000 visitors and 90 displays from government, business and community organisations.

Nicole Lockwood and Tim Collins, Director of Westport, answered questions from interested community members as they browsed the display of Westport’s shortlisted options.

Many community members engaged in conversation with Nicole and Tim to get the facts about Westport and leave with a well-informed perspective on the project.

Photo: Nicole Lockwood and Tim Collins at the Westport display
International Association for Public Participation, Perth, 7 November 2019

Aurecon Perth hosted around 70 people at the Managing the balance: stakeholder engagement in large infrastructure projects breakfast.

Nicole shared Westport’s engagement strategy and our lessons learned to date. Carolyn Walker from Main Roads Western Australia shared her experience on the completed Margaret River perimeter road. Through these practical case studies, the audience gained insight on how engagement evolves through a project lifecycle.

Other presentations and briefings

- French-Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Forum, Perth, 24 October 2019
- Notre Dame Leadership event, Fremantle, 6 November 2019
- Committee for Perth Members Lunch, Perth, 7 November 2019
- Women in Economics Forum, Perth, 13 November 2019
What’s coming up for Westport?

- 4 December 2019, CEDA State of the State panel with the Premier
- 12-14 February 2020, Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, UWA
- 4 March 2020, WA Major Projects Conference
- 11 March 2020, MinterEllison Navigators Lunch
- 7 April 2020, Coastal, Ocean and Port Engineering Panel, Engineers Australia
- 16-19 June, PIANC Asia Pacific Conference

If you would like Westport to present at your upcoming event, please email your request and event details to enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au.

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