

### Project update: 2

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#### Opportunity to shape the approach to plan for Outer Harbour

The Westport Taskforce has released its first discussion paper and invites the community to join the conversation on the approach it will take to plan for Perth and its surrounding regions' future freight, trade, logistics and defence needs.

In releasing the discussion paper, *Westport: Preparing for the Strategy*, the Taskforce is inviting feedback on the key factors that need to be investigated in the development of the Westport Strategy.

The Taskforce is also seeking to capture existing work and information to help build their evidence base.

Stakeholders and the community are encouraged to get involved in the process by reading the discussion paper, completing the feedback survey and registering for project updates.

Feedback on the discussion paper will be accepted until 5pm, 31 January 2018 and can be submitted by visiting [www.transport.wa.gov.au/westport](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/westport)

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#### First Reference Group forum

The first Reference Group forum was an opportunity for 38 representatives from industry, local governments, unions, environmental and community groups to learn more about the proposed Westport approach and identify how they may contribute to the project.

Nicole Lockwood, the Westport Taskforce Chair, walked participants through the *Westport: Preparing for the Strategy* discussion paper and the seven key questions.

- What is the problem we are trying to solve and the opportunities we are trying to capture?
- Where do port facilities need to be located in Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury?
- How big an area is required for new port facilities in the Outer Harbour?
- How do we make the best use of adjacent and supporting land to stimulate future jobs?
- How do we connect new port facilities with the surrounding environment to facilitate imports and exports?
- How do we stage new port facilities so they are operationally and financially sustainable?
- When will new port facilities be needed?

Through three activities, participants explored these questions and problems, they identified information and reports that may be shared, and indicated how they would participate in the Westport process in the future.

In the New Year the Westport Team will be busy collating submissions from the discussion paper feedback, going through the library of previous reports and setting up work streams to answer the seven key questions.

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#### Christmas

The Westport Team will be taking a short break between Christmas and New Year in readiness for the busy year ahead. The team wishes you all the best for the festive season and looks forward to keeping you updated with progress in 2018.