Consultation with our community is critical to the development of the Westport Strategy. Any development to meet the freight and logistics needs for Perth and the surrounding regions for the next 50 to 100 years will impact a number of stakeholders and it is important they all have a voice.

The Westport Taskforce has released the consultation report *Westport: What you have told us*, which outlines the community feedback received during our first round of consultation as we develop the *Westport: Port and Environs Strategy*.

We asked for feedback on whether we had identified all the factors necessary for answering questions on the location, size, operating model and timing for future port facilities as well as the road, rail and intermodal terminals to support them. The consultation report outlines the extensive advice received as part of a six-week comment period.

We received a total of 202 formal submissions in response to our request, which has been invaluable in helping to refine the Westport methodology and in finalising the scope of the technical work that needs to be undertaken over the next 18 months.

Governance, economic development and planning for transport, land-use and the environment were key themes raised by stakeholders and the Westport Taskforce has committed to undertake a number of actions in order to ensure that these themes are addressed.

Some of these outcomes include:

- widening the scope of the strategy to include a review of world’s best practice governance of port facilities;
- adding questions to the project methodology that define key themes identified during the consultation period as integral to the strategy development;
- developing a discussion paper explaining why Cockburn Sound has been identified as a potential location for additional port facilities; and
- adding an indigenous heritage representative to the Westport Taskforce Reference Group.

On behalf of Westport Director Tim Collins and myself, I would like to thank the individuals, businesses, community groups and government organisations that gave their feedback during the initial consultation period. We have published the inputs we received to ensure we are absolutely transparent about the feedback we have heard, and the considerations being taken into account to develop the strategy.

The Westport Taskforce has now outlined 10 packages of work that will allow us to identify a number of hypotheses on the freight and trade needs of Perth and the surrounding regions. These hypotheses will then be refined following further community consultation.

The next formal phase of public consultation on the Westport Strategy will take place later this year, with the release of a discussion paper which will outline the findings to date and seek feedback on how options should be prioritised. In the meantime, we intend on delivering a number of community-based forums where members of the public will be able to raise questions or issues for consideration directly with the Taskforce. In addition, internet-based consultation mechanisms are also in the early stages of development for roll out later in the year.

The *Westport: What you have told us* consultation report is now available to download [here](#), under Westport publications. A two-page consultation fact sheet that broadly outlines the feedback and next steps is also available on the [Westport webpage](#).

Nicole
Westport Taskforce Chair
In the last month members of the Westport Taskforce have continued to actively meet with businesses and community groups.

Highlights of this month include:

- Westport Taskforce Chair Nicole Lockwood briefing the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA on the importance of the Westport Project to the future of the WA economy
- The Westport Taskforce Reference Group undertaking a tour of the Fremantle Inner Harbour and Kwinana Outer Harbour
- Nicole also attended:
  - the Committee for Perth breakfast – Kwinana as a catalyst for economic development;
  - the South West Workshop of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy;
  - the Property Council Bankwest Industrial Lands Lunch;
  - a briefing with the WA Local Government Association;
  - a meeting with the Latitude 32 Steering Committee; and
  - a meeting with the Naval Base Holiday Association.

Did you know?

Following her briefing to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA, Nicole filmed a two-minute Q&A, which is available on our website.
DOWN THE TRACK

What’s on the Westport calendar?

Site tour and discussions with the Australian Marine Complex at Cockburn Sound
- 26 April 2018

Westport Taskforce Local Government Reference Group meeting
- 27 April 2018

What’s the story?

Westport in the media

MUA BOSS BLASTS PORT PLANS

As we reported in our last Project Update, a common misconception is the Westport Taskforce has already developed a preferred strategy for the freight and trade needs of Western Australia.

In fact, the Westport Taskforce does not have any pre-conceived ideas or plans. In the development of this strategy, the Westport Taskforce will collate existing information and add to that new analysis on future port, freight and trade needs.

Our vision is a world-class port that unlocks the economic potential of Western Australia by opening up new trade markets and growing our import capabilities – where the port is located and how it is supported by other facilities and infrastructure is yet to be known.

The development of the Westport Strategy will continue to be highly consultative and transparent and the Taskforce will continue to engage with Union representatives, businesses, community groups, Government, individuals and other stakeholders to reach the best outcome for Western Australia.
THE WESTPORT PROJECT TEAM

The Westport Taskforce is a multi-disciplinary team that draws on expertise from a range of people, organisations, businesses and groups. Within the Project Team are specific roles that have been designed to ensure strategy development is efficient and evidence-based. Find out more about two key roles within the Westport Taskforce here:

Program Delivery Managers:
The Program Delivery Managers are responsible for developing and executing the project methodology to deliver the Westport Strategy. They coordinate the Work Streams bringing together the people with the skills and knowledge to complete the ten work packages. They are the engine room of the project, undertaking project management and risk management activities and provide the secretariat for the Steering Committee, Project Control Group, Reference Group, Local Governments Reference Group and other committees as required.

Functional Leaders:
The Functional Leaders are technical specialists who bring their skills, knowledge and experience to Westport. Their role is to be across the detail so as to provide rigor to the project and ensure the information in the final Westport Strategy is evidence-based. They are across the detail of previous reports and use their knowledge and experience to identify and find ways to fill any knowledge gaps. They work together with the Program Delivery Managers to draw on information and experience from within the Westport Taskforce and wider community and work with consultants as required.

The Westport Project Team is growing and currently includes members co-located in the Westport Office from the Department of Transport, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Fremantle Ports and Main Roads Western Australia.

Westport organisational structure

Key:
- Project leadership
- Communication and Engagement
- Program delivery
- Functional leaders