FROM THE CHAIR

It’s hard to believe that Westport has nearly reached the halfway point of our two-year project. We are well and truly in the thick of collating and integrating existing research, undertaking new research and engaging with the community and our stakeholders as we continue on the path of developing a comprehensive, evidence-based strategy.

The Stage One Workstreams – Environment, Trade Task, Constraints and Opportunities, Supply Chain and Ports Capability – are now completing the first stage of their evidence gathering process. Each Workstream will be providing summary reports to the Program Delivery Team for compilation and synthesis into the next public report due for release in October.

What we have found so far.

I am delighted to inform you that Westport is the first strategic planning project to apply the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia’s (ISCA) rating scheme. ISCA’s best-practice framework provides comprehensive guidance on many aspects of the project, including leadership, governance and stakeholder engagement. Further details about the ISCA Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) Planning Rating are included in the article below.

One of the exciting things about Westport is the very long-term timeframe of our project – looking 50 to 100 years into the future. With the current rate of change, it’s almost impossible to comprehend what the world will look like in 50 years’ time. To get a better understanding, the team ran a ‘Think-a-Thon’ futuristic workshop as part of the AITPM Conference in late July. Please see the article below for a snapshot of the day.

Westport’s community engagement and consultation is also now well underway. We have just concluded a series of information evenings in Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury that were attended by over 150 interested residents. We thank everyone who gave up their time to come along. These events were a valuable source of feedback for the Westport team, and the input captured through the surveys will be integrated into the Westport strategy development.

The next stage in our community consultation work is the launch of Westport’s online consultation hub as part of the new Transport Portfolio’s ‘MySayTransport’ website, due to go live in coming weeks. This site will be home to a number of different feedback-gathering mechanisms, including surveys, polls and forums. We will be notifying all of our stakeholders and Project Update subscribers when this platform launches, and I encourage everyone to utilise it, leave their input and spread the word.

Thank you again for your ongoing engagement with Westport.

Nicole
Westport Taskforce Chair
ON THE ROAD

It’s been a busy few months for the Westport Taskforce. The project team conducted a Reference Group workshop, hit the road and provided opportunities for the community to learn more about Westport. The collective knowledge of industry experts was also harnessed at a futuristic thinking competition.

STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP WORKSHOP

Westport’s stakeholder Reference Group comprises of more than 50 organisations, including industry, academia, government and community representatives. It is a vital channel to allow the Taskforce to engage with and receive feedback from many of the stakeholders who are critical to the Westport project.

At the fourth Reference Group workshop held on 1 August 2018, members were asked to define what success looks like for Westport and what goals and Key Performance Indicators could help us to achieve success. This enabled the Taskforce to better understand the perspectives of our various stakeholders, while also capturing their expectations and giving them direct input into the development of the Westport Strategy.

In teams, the Reference Group members were asked to complete three activities within two hours:

1. Develop a ‘Statement of Success’ for Westport from economic, environmental and social perspectives;
2. Explain how they would achieve their Statement of Success; and
3. Describe what Westport could look like in the year 2068.

Reference group members embraced the challenge and delivered some robust discussion along with blue-sky thinking to describe what Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury ports could look like and how they could operate in 50 years’ time.

The next Reference Group meeting is planned for October 2018.

Representatives at the fourth Reference Group workshop.
THINK-A-THON

On 27 July as part of the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management’s (AITPM) national conference in Perth, Westport challenged twelve teams of experts, including engineers, planners, consultants, researchers and transport advisors, to a future-focused ‘Think-a-Thon’. Teams were asked to create and share their vision for how Westport will look in 2068, when Artificial Intelligence, 3D printing, intergalactic trade, drones and interconnectivity – along with other technologies we can’t even fathom yet – will have completely changed the way supply chains currently operate.

After a day of brainstorming and pitches, Westport were delighted to crown the mixed team of SITE Planning and GTA Consultants as the Think-a-Thon winners for 2018. Their prototype was an adaptable and environmentally-friendly freight corridor between Bunbury to Kwinana that enabled Perth to become a major trade gateway interstate, globally and even to Mars.

The victorious team won all-inclusive passes to attend next year’s AITPM conference, and their winning prototype has been placed in a time capsule at Fremantle Ports to be opened in 2068 to see how close they came to predicting the future.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

To launch the community engagement and consultation phase of Westport, the team conducted shopping centre displays and information evenings in the three locations being directly considered in the Westport Strategy – Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury.

More than 150 people attended the three information evenings, representing a vast diversity of viewpoints. The events allowed the Westport team to hear directly from the public about their main areas of interest and to capture feedback through surveys.

Westport aims to be as transparent and community-focused as possible throughout the formulation of our strategy. We are eager to ensure that everyone who has a view on the project can provide their feedback through various channels to ensure their input is captured and considered.

The launch of Westport’s online consultation hub on the MySayTransport website in early September will soon be the main channel for capturing community input and data through a variety of research methods including surveys, polls and forums. Once this platform goes live, Westport will be contacting all of our stakeholders and Project Update subscribers to invite them to leave their feedback and spread the word among their networks so we can collect as much information and evidence as possible.
DOWN THE TRACK

What’s on the Westport calendar?

Govt. In House Counsel Day
- 28 August 2018

Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry breakfast
- 19 September 2018

Town of Victoria Park Business Breakfast
- 1 October 2018

ARA Heavy Haul Rail Conference
- 16 & 17 October 2018

WESTPORT PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE BEST PRACTICE

When planning ports and supporting infrastructure for a 50-100 year horizon, it is critical that our activities are sustainable - environmentally, socially and economically - so that the liveability of Perth and the South West are retained for future generations. Westport is taking a sustainable approach to planning for the future and building ISCA’s principles into every step of the project.

The IS Planning Rating, launched by ISCA in July 2018, is being used to optimise quadruple bottom line outcomes – economic, social, environmental and governance outcomes – that will benefit the Westport project and the State.

Westport’s current project scope currently only covers Stages One and Two of Infrastructure Australia’s Five Stage Assessment Framework: Stage One is Problem Identification and Prioritisation; Stage Two is Initiative Identification and Options Development. ISCA will provide an independent certification of Westport’s sustainability performance in line with these two stages of the overall infrastructure delivery process.

ISCA’s evaluation will focus on sustainability aspects material to the Westport project including: governance; leadership; United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; meaningful stakeholder engagement; and robust options assessment that promotes positive sustainability outcomes.

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