FROM THE CHAIR

Happy anniversary to Westport! It’s hard to believe that a whole year has passed since the State Government announced it had formed the Westport Taskforce to deliver a strategy to future-proof WA’s freight, trade and logistics needs and maximise the economic and social potential of our wonderful State.

So what have we been doing for a year? Well, as you read this, the Westport team is hard at work putting together the finishing touches on our next report, *What we have found so far*, which will be released on 31 October 2018. This comprehensive report will be the culmination of the first year of work and will clearly demonstrate how busy the team has been. The results of Stage One Workstreams (Environment, Trade Task, Constraints and Opportunities, Supply Chain and Ports Capability) identifying all of the considerations and opportunities will be delivered, and we will share our Westport hypotheses – the various combinations of port options and timings to be considered moving forward.

Westport takes our consultation very seriously and we encourage you to read the report – a link will be emailed to you on the day of its release – and provide us with your feedback. Westport has launched a special online consultation hub, mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/Westport, where the *What we have found so far* report will be available to everyone, along with a summary animation, all of the accompanying technical documents and a series of feedback forms and surveys. Please share the links amongst your friends, colleagues and wider networks and let them know that everyone can have their input into the Westport strategy.

Westport’s other achievements in our first year include:

- Releasing two other reports, *Westport: Preparing for the Strategy* (December 2017) and *Westport: What you have told us* (April 2018);
- Delivering 27 public presentations to more than 2,100 attendees;
- Attending over 300 stakeholder meetings;
- Assembling a vast governance network, including:
  - the Westport Reference Group with 55 representative organisations
  - the Local Government Reference Group with 35 Local Government Authorities
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- the Westport Steering Committee featuring five Directors General, the Chairmen of the WA Planning Commission and Fremantle Ports, and the Under Treasurer from the Department of Treasury
- the Project Control Group consisting of Executive Directors from all relevant State Government agencies
- working groups on environment, risk and Aboriginal engagement
- Conducting 21 governance meetings with the aforementioned committees;
- Running information sessions and shopping centre displays in Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury;
- Delivering letters to more than 7,850 homes and businesses in Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury;
- Newspaper advertising to more than 508,000 readers;
- Appearing in more than 80 media stories.

While this may seem like a lot, we understand that our job to engage the community and bring everyone along on this journey with us has only just begun. We plan to be a lot more visible and outspoken in the year ahead as we start to formulate our short list of options. We will also be fully transparent in our process, releasing all of our documents on the mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/Westport portal. I am also happy to speak at public events about Westport. If you have any events coming at where you would like an update on Westport, please let us know by emailing the details to enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au

We thank everyone for their support and engagement over the first year of the project, and we look forward to continuing to work together as we enter the final exciting year when the Westport strategy will be delivered.

Nicole
Westport Taskforce
Independent Chair
ON THE ROAD

ONLINE CONSULTATION HUB LAUNCHED

Westport has launched an online consultation portal to facilitate feedback from the community and stakeholders at mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/westport. The hub is part of a whole-of-Transport-Portfolio consultation initiative called MySayTransport.

Westport’s information-rich portal will now be the main channel for capturing community input and data for the project via surveys, interactive maps, polls and forums.

People interested in the Westport project can have their say on topics such as environment, land use and transport. It will also allow users to learn more about the Outer Harbour port planning history through an online story map.

The site will also house an extensive publication library, including the upcoming What we have found so far report (once it is launched on 31 October 2018), along with the accompanying animation and technical reports. There will be some specific tools to provide your feedback on the content of the report, so we encourage you to tell us what you think.

Westport is committed to undertaking a consultative and transparent process, and we are considering all input provided to us. We encourage you to promote mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/Westport amongst your network of colleagues and friends and ask them to provide their feedback.

MUA’S FREMANTLE TOWN HALL EVENT

On 29 August, Westport Director Tim Collins addressed a packed public event at Fremantle Town Hall organised by the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) to discuss Fremantle’s future as a port city.

Tim took the opportunity to explain the Westport process and correct some common misconceptions about the project, while the other nine speakers from community, union, industry, stevedoring and port backgrounds addressed issues relating to Cockburn Sound, transport, trucking, shipping, supply chain logistics and jobs.

Westport Assistant Director, Carole Theobald, also attended the event as an audience member to record the matters raised by the speakers and audience during questions from the floor.

The Westport team, including Independent Chair Nicole Lockwood, welcomes opportunities to speak at public events about the Westport project – please email enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au if you would like to invite a Westport team member to speak at an upcoming event.
WESTPORT LOOKS TO EUROPE

Westport Project Director Tim Collins recently travelled to Europe to attend the International Harbour Master’s Congress and visit the ports of Antwerp in Belgium and Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

The aims of Tim’s trip were to establish connections with international port leaders in areas of interest to Westport and to learn from port development experiences at Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Key learnings from Rotterdam’s Maasvlakte 2 (Outer Harbour) Project were that major infrastructure projects must start with an economic development story or theme that the community can engage with and that social engagement and environmental sustainability are the keys to success. Major port development projects are very complex, requiring time, patience and broad-based solidarity to succeed.

Further, there are many examples of ports operating in first world economies that have either completed, or are in the process of completing port, re-development projects due to circumstances that mirror Western Australia’s situation. This was a particularly validating aspect of this study tour.

This tour also provided Westport with enhanced contacts with ports facing similar development challenges. Among these are the ports of Antwerp, London, Belfast, Cork, Vancouver, Montreal, and Cape Town.

FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Westport Taskforce recognised at the outset that whatever our final strategy is, protecting the marine and terrestrial environment and social amenity of Fremantle, Kwinana and Bunbury is imperative.

To achieve this, Westport adopted PIANC’s ‘Working With Nature’ approach, which integrates environmental and social objectives from the start of the planning process. We are also following the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia’s (ISCA) best-practice sustainability framework.

We have been meeting with key environmental stakeholders including Cockburn Sound Management Council, Fish Army, Perth NRM, WA Marine Science Institute, WA Biodiversity Science Institute and the Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) to discuss their concerns and identify environmental and social impacts.

CCWA is the peak body for not-for-profit, non-government conservation groups. Recently, Westport approached some of CCWA’s affiliates to invite them to engage with Westport. We look forward to receiving their input as we continue to develop and share our findings.
JOHN LANGOULANT AO TO PEER REVIEW WESTPORT

Westport is thrilled to announce that John Langoulant AO has been confirmed as the Chair of the Peer Review Panel for the project.

A well-known director and former Under Treasurer, Mr Langoulant recently led a Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects, which investigated 26 government programs and projects in terms of governance, transparency and project management.

As the Chair of the Peer Review Panel, Mr Langoulant – along with the other peer reviewer, Dennis Kögeböhn from Hamburg Port Consulting – will provide an independent ‘sense-check’ on Westport’s findings and procedures at each step in the process to ensure a robust approach. Mr Langoulant and Mr Kögeböhn are the first of the peer reviewers to be appointed with a range of additional technical experts to join the Peer Review Panel over the next month.

Mr Langoulant brings to the position a wealth of knowledge gained from chairing major inquiries and a significant number of boards, as well consulting to the education, banking and resources sectors. He was awarded an Order of Australia in 2010 for his activities in the community sector and was made Western Australian Citizen of the Year in 2011 in the Industry and Commerce Division.

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

With an expansive project area that covers the lands of both the Whadjuk and Gnarla Karla Booja people of the Noongar Nation, Westport has recognised the need to implement a meaningful and inclusive Aboriginal engagement strategy to deliver the best outcomes for the traditional custodians of the land.

Respected elder and architect of the Kaart Koort Waarginy (‘Head, Heart, Talking’ in Noongar) model of Placemaking, Dr Richard Walley OAM, has joined the Westport Taskforce to lead the development of the Aboriginal engagement strategy. Kaart Koort Waarginy was the model followed by the Metropolitan Region Authority in the development of Perth’s award-winning Yagan Square and is considered a best practice model of engagement during infrastructure development. Oral McGuire from Gundj Consulting is also supporting the delivery of the strategy.

Westport has already had initial conversations with Wayne Nannup from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and James Back from Reconciliation WA, with many further meetings with the traditional land owner groups to take place.
WESTPORT’S FOCUS ON SPATIAL DATA

Location is the underlying theme behind all aspects of Westport, so having reliable spatial data is integral to the project. Location data is being used to develop a geographical information system (GIS) to provide Westport with the location intelligence we need to determine the best outcomes.

The Westport GIS component will provide:

1. a decision-making tool based on the most accurate and updatable spatial data; and
2. the means to tell our story geographically.

Maps have been a crucial element of the Westport planning and engagement process so far. Technical maps have been used to power the analysis of workstreams, such as investigating environmental values or evaluating development constraints. Large aerial maps were used to great effect at Westport’s community engagement events, where crowds gathered to not only visualise the project areas but also identify issues and help to problem-solve. Maps have been useful in allowing our stakeholders to attach locations to their feedback, thus providing a dataset of values and issues we can use in our analysis.

The Westport GIS Team has been developing an online information portal which will host our spatial data and interactive maps on the web for stakeholders to utilise. Story maps will be one of the key tools on the MySayTransport portal for people to explore. The first story map (already available online) provides an overview of the history of Outer Harbour planning in WA visualised through location data and maps.

What’s on the Westport calendar?

- **Town of Victoria Park Business Breakfast Presentation**
  16 October 2018

- **ARA Heavy Haul Rail Conference Presentation**
  16-17 October 2018

- **Westport What we have found so far report launch**
  31 October 2018

- **CEDA South West Regional Update**
  2 November 2018

Nicole Lockwood speaking at the Roads Australia forum in August.