



## **SOUTH WEST GROUP**

The South West Group, formed in November 1983, is a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC). It comprises the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Melville, and Rockingham, and the Towns of East Fremantle and Kwinana. The South West Group is managed by a Board consisting of the Mayors and CEOs of its member local government authorities.

The South West Group seeks to work with these six local governments and through cooperation with industry, community and the other spheres of government to capture a wide range of opportunities to enhance economic growth as well as supporting a diversity of quality lifestyles whilst servicing and sustaining cohesive, productive communities in an enviable environmental setting.

The South West Group will be persuasive, forward looking and influential in representing, supporting and promoting Local Government interests that affect the growth and sustainable development of South Metropolitan Perth.

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## SOUTH METROPOLITAN REGION

## KEY INFORMATION

Area	619.4 square kilometres (approximately 50 km long by an average 12km width)
Location	South Western Quarter of Metropolitan Perth bounded by the Canning River, Swan River, Fremantle Harbour, Cockburn Sound, Warnbro Sound and generally 2 km east of the Kwinana Freeway alignment.
Economic Infrastructure	Fremantle Port, Australian Marine Complex, Kwinana Industrial Area, HMAS Stirling, Jandakot Airport
Current Population June 2007	331,301 (ABS 3218.0 2008)
Population Growth 2002 to 2007	2.1% (ABS 3218.0 2008)
Projected Population 2020	423,700 (Based on ABS and WAPC information)
Working Age Population	218,900 (Aged 15-64 Workplace Portal Oct 2008)
Employment Rate	80.7% (Workplace Portal October 2008)
Labour Force	181,663 (Workplace Portal September 2008)
Unemployment Rate	3.8% (Workplace Portal October 2008)
Indigenous Population	1.4% (Census 2006)
Overseas Born Population	31.5% (Census 2006)
Mean Taxable Income	\$7,540.41 million (ATO 2005/6)
Building Approvals	\$1,148million (ABS 2005/06)
Registered Motor Vehicles	233,131 (ABS as at 31/3/2006)

