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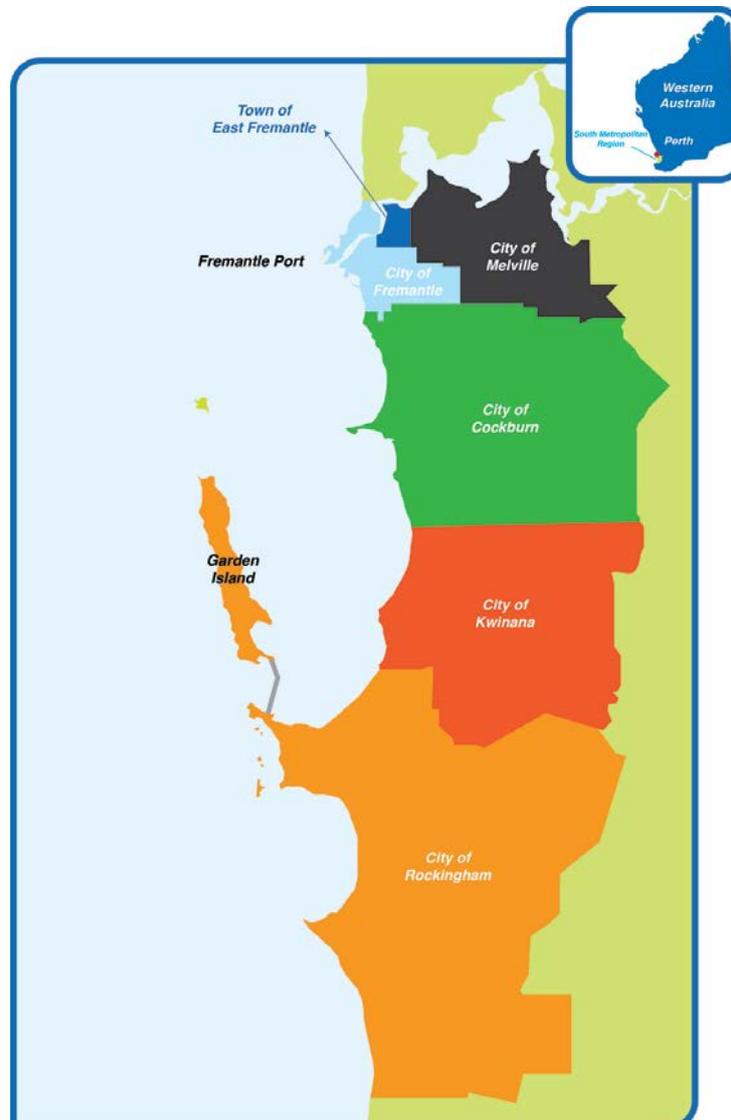
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FEDERAL BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION 2018 TO 2022

The South West Group is a voluntary regional organisation of councils (VROC) comprised of the cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville and Rockingham and the Town of East Fremantle.



The South West Group undertakes a pro-active advocacy role in lobbying the State and Federal Government for regional infrastructure projects that contribute to the economic and social prosperity of the South West Metropolitan Region.

The South West Group commended the Federal and State Government on commitments to invest in the following transport infrastructure projects across the region as announced as part of the Federal budget in May 2017:

- **Cockburn Central to Thornlie Rail line** (\$474 million, subject to business case)
- **Armadale Road/North Lake Road Bridge** (\$237 million)
- **Additional Lane on Kwinana Freeway North – Russell Road to Roe Highway** (\$49 million)
- **Manning Road On Ramp to Kwinana Freeway South** as part of the Canning Bridge Upgrades (\$35 million)
- **Southern access of the Murdoch Activity Centre** to the Kwinana Freeway and Roe Highway via Murdoch Drive (\$100 million)
- **Leach Highway (Carrington Street to Stirling Highway) Upgrade** (\$118 million) – options on the alignment and design are under investigation
- **Karel Avenue (Farrington Road to Berrigan Drive) Upgrades** (\$15 million)
- **Smart Freeways Kwinana Freeway - Roe Highway to Narrows Bridge** (\$47 million).

The South West Group advocated for many of these projects in the lead up to Federal and State elections and assumes that these will be implemented based on funding commitments announced and will therefore be included in the State 20 Year Infrastructure Strategy as required.

The State Government has also committed \$20 million toward the detailed planning and the development of a business case for the Kwinana Outer Harbour, with a taskforce established to oversee the development of the Westport: Port and Environs Strategy.

The Kwinana Outer Harbour represents the most significant project in the region and has the potential to deliver the following economic and social benefits to the wider Western Trade Coast area:

- \$42 billion in annual revenue when fully developed
- 37,000 direct jobs and almost 50,000 indirect jobs
- Improved efficiency of port operations
- Industrial and business development opportunities along the Western Trade Coast

The South West Group supports the Kwinana Outer Harbour proposal and recognises that the timeframes for its development are dependent upon the outcomes of the study and the recommendations of the taskforce.

The South West Group understands that the State Government will be approaching the Federal Government through Infrastructure Australia seeking funding for the development of a detailed business case. A \$5 million allocation has been identified for Infrastructure Australia to prepare the business case in partnership with the State Government.

The establishment of Defence West also highlights the importance of the Australian Marine Complex (AMC) as a critical facility in securing a greater share of the Defence contracts to be built here in WA.

As well as the establishment of the AMC Technology Precinct with its Defence focus, there is a need to expand marine infrastructure at the AMC to meet increased demand as an essential wharf facility in the Western Trade Coast. It is understood that the State Government will be preparing a budget submission to the Federal Government covering the AMC Wharf Upgrades and Technology Precinct development.

The South West Group trusts that the Federal Government will look favourably upon the AMC investments as important for the regional economy and Defence capability.

The South West Group strongly supports investment in the South West Metropolitan Region and provides justification for budget expenditure for regional infrastructure and facilities to meet the pressures and demands associated with population growth, congestion and its impacts on productivity.

The infrastructure projects included in the South West Group's submission to the Federal Budget for 2018/19 and forward estimates to 2021/22 are largely based on the partnership projects requested for inclusion in the WA State Government's 20 Year State Infrastructure Strategy.

The projects seeking funding support from the Federal Government for the 2018/19 to 2021/22 period are listed below under key infrastructure headings.

PORTS

South Quay and Victoria Quay (\$60M)

The redevelopment of South Quay and the Fremantle Passenger Terminal as a world class tourism precinct and cruise ship terminus. Although the contribution from the Federal Government sought for the project over the next decade totals \$500M, a contribution of \$60M over the forward estimates is requested to support planning, design and approvals as a partnership project with the State Government.

Victoria Quay / Fremantle Train Station

Working with the Port of Fremantle, Public Transport Authority and State Heritage Office, it is planned to develop an Implementation Plan for Victoria Quay and Fremantle Station Precinct Plans which were approved by the WA Planning Commission in August 2015. Redevelopment of the Fremantle Train Station forecourt as new city square is a critical element for the City centre revitalisation.

South Quay

The key to activating this redevelopment is to shift the existing car and bulk goods trade away from South Quay, with opportunities for these trade functions to be relocated to the Kwinana Outer Harbour or alternatively the car trade being shifted to North Quay

Westport Business Case Development (\$10M)

The State Government will be seeking funding to develop a business case of the Westport: Port and Environs Strategy.

ROADS

Additional Lanes on Kwinana Freeway – Russell Road to Millar Road (\$100M)

The rapid development of residential land along the Kwinana Freeway from Baldivis in the City of Rockingham through to Success in the City of Cockburn has significantly increased population and is a major contributor to traffic congestion as residents access the freeway.

The additional lane on the Kwinana Freeway south from Roe Highway to Russell Road has provided increased capacity and reduced congestion to acceptable levels. The State Government is planning to complete the additional lane north on the Kwinana Freeway from Russell Road to Roe Highway.

The section of Kwinana Freeway south of Russell Road to Millar Road experiences high levels of traffic congestion daily during peak periods. This section also heavily congested as a result of school holiday traffic, leading to long delays for commuters heading north and south.

The additional lanes north and south on the Kwinana Freeway from Russell Road to Millar Road will provide much needed capacity and reduce congestion delays during peak periods, thereby improving travel times and productivity

FREIGHT

Freight Rail Grade Separation – North Lake Road (\$25M)

This project has been identified previously as a short term priority in order to improve the productivity and efficiency of freight rail and road traffic movements, and importantly address safety concerns for the current at grade intersection of North Lake Road and the freight rail line

North Lake Road is a major north south distributor road equidistant between Kwinana Freeway and the highway of Stock Road, and provides a regional road distribution function. Grade separation will assist both freight movement and traffic movement, and safety.

The proposal involves the vertical grade separation of the freight rail and North Lake Road, with the likely geometry being North Lake Road passing under the freight rail.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Rockingham City Centre Transit System (\$100M)

The City of Rockingham has been developing their proposal over the last decade to introduce light rail into the city centre to connect the Rockingham Train Station and Rockingham foreshore, which is under redevelopment.

The Rockingham City Centre Transit System (RCCTS) is based on residential density requirements (R120) within the walkable catchment of the RCCTS alignment and is forecast that the light rail infrastructure would result in an additional 24,000 people living within the Rockingham Strategic Metropolitan Centre.

The South West Group has continued to consult with State and Federal Members of Parliament and relevant agencies over the last twelve months, with a view of further developing productive working relationships and identifying opportunities to align regional, State and Federal priorities.

The priority projects above are eligible for shared funding between the Federal and State Government through a 50:50 arrangement.

The combined total value of these regional priorities is over \$3 Billion, with the funding sought from the Federal Government being \$295 Million over the forward estimates.

**SUMMARY OF SOUTH WEST GROUP FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET
PRIORITIES FOR 2018 - 2022**

PROJECT	TIMING				COMMENTS
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
1. South Quay and Victoria Quay (\$60M)			\$10	\$50M	To undertake planning, design and approvals for the redevelopment of Fremantle Harbour
2 Westport Business Case Development (\$10M)			\$5M	\$5M	Business case to support the long term planning and development of the Fremantle Outer Harbour and proposed Outer Harbour in Kwinana
3. Additional Lanes on Kwinana Freeway – Russell Road to Millar Road (\$100M)			\$50M	\$50M	To address congestion on both sides of Kwinana Freeway south of Russell Road
4. Freight Rail Grade Separation – North Lake Road (\$25M)		\$10M	\$15M		The proposal involves the vertical grade separation of the freight rail and North Lake Road,
5. Rockingham City Centre Transit System (\$100M)			\$20M	\$80M	Planning and residential densities along the light rail route to facilitate development
Total		\$10M	\$100M	\$185M	\$295M

** Assumes *50% funding (Total of \$295M) provided by the State Government*

The Federal Government has committed \$50 Billion towards transport infrastructure to 2019/20 as part of its Infrastructure Investment Program.

I trust that you will consider this budget submission favourably and the South West Group looks forward to working together with the Federal Government on projects and initiatives that benefit the South West Metropolitan Region.

Should you have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Mick McCarthy, Director South West Group, on phone 9364 0631, mob 0478 325 469 or email director@southwestgroup.com.au

Yours sincerely



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