

# Kimberley Stakeholders Engagement Forum

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## **Key functions – phase one**

#### Phase 1

- 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy
- Coordinate the State's submissions to Infrastructure Australia
- Review and report on infrastructure proposals prior to submission to Infrastructure Australia
- Provide advice to State agencies on preparation of infrastructure proposals
- Provide advice to Premier on infrastructure priorities; funding and financing; and any other infrastructure matters
- Provide advice and assistance to State agencies in the preparation of strategies, plans and policies
- Review and report on completed projects
- Promote public awareness of infrastructure matters



## **Key functions – phase two**

#### Phase 2

- Assess and report on major infrastructure proposals
- 10-year State Infrastructure Programme (Government)
- Monitor and report on progress in implementing the Strategy



Image: Tourism WA





## Improving investor confidence, supporting jobs

# State Infrastructure Strategy

Identify needs and priorities to guide future decisions

#### Annual 10-year State Infrastructure Programme

'Pipeline' of projects

– visibility beyond

the Budget and
forward estimates

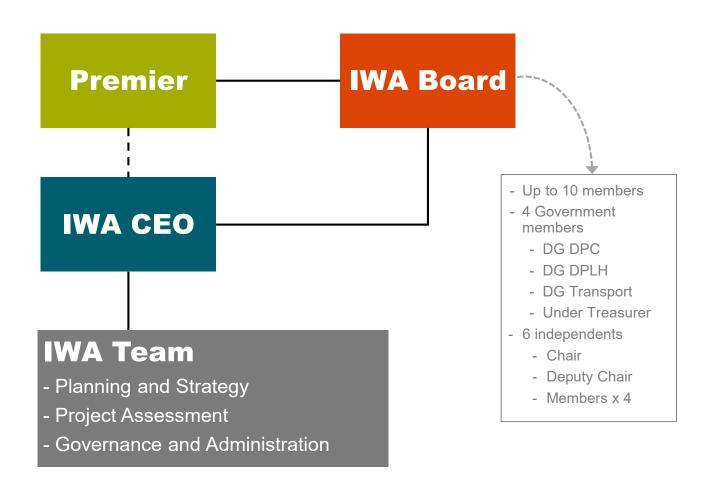
# Better quality infrastructure proposals

Right projects at the right time, Cwth' infrastructure funding

## Funding / financing advice

Advice on funding & financing options for different projects

## **Governance**



## **Roles for Government**

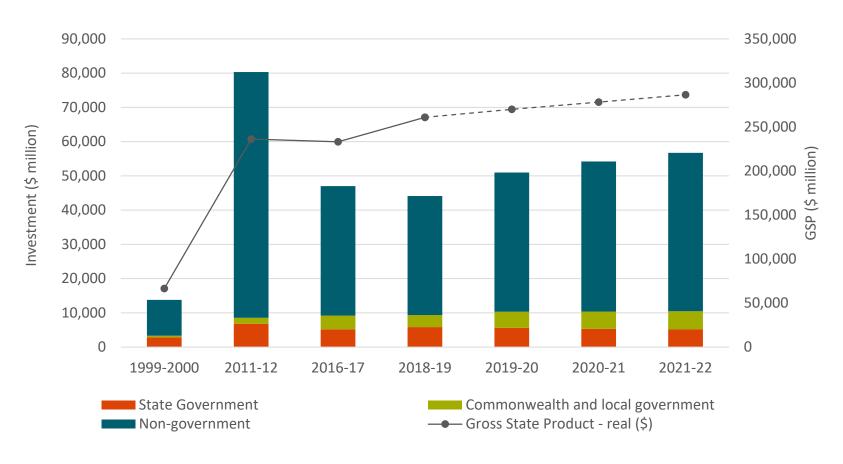
- Act applies to all departments, sub-departments, statutory authorities and Government Trading Enterprises
- Must respond to the State Infrastructure Strategy's recommendations within specified timeframe
- State agencies must align strategies/plans/policies with the State Infrastructure Strategy's recommendations (to the extent Government supports recommendations)
- Prepare annual State Infrastructure Programme (10 year):
  - To take into account the State Infrastructure Strategy's recommendations (to the extent supported by Government)
  - Need for 'pipeline of projects' to provide greater stability for investment decision-making
  - Must cover the State Budget and forward estimates, plus 5-10 year horizon
  - Made publicly available within 3 months of the State Budget being handed down.



# **Quality and completeness**

- Improving short/medium/long-term planning within and across sectors, and quality of infrastructure proposals
- Existing agency expertise is key (including information, plans and strategies)
- Holistic approach application across sectors is critical
- Evidence-based approach
- Consideration of trends and impacts
- Use of consistent assumptions
- Opportunity to better coordinate and align, and support improved investment decision-making

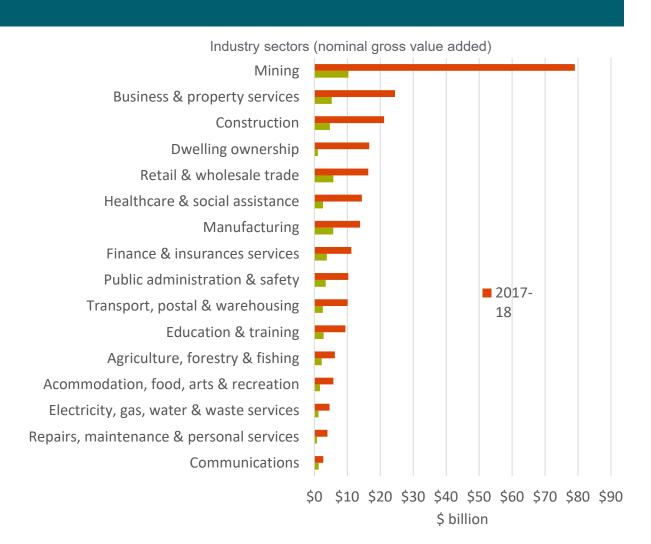
## Infrastructure investment in WA



Based on ABS data, supplied by Department of Treasury

#### The context - economy

- Economic growth and diversification
- Productivity
- Influence of global factors
- Affordability



#### **State Infrastructure Strategy**

- Long-term infrastructure strategy (20+ years)
   addressing a broad range of infrastructure, including freight and transport
- Strategy to be evidence based, and consider existing strategies and policies of government
- IWA will consult broadly in preparing the strategy, both internal and external to government
- Regional interests/matters are key
- Iterative
- Scale of the task

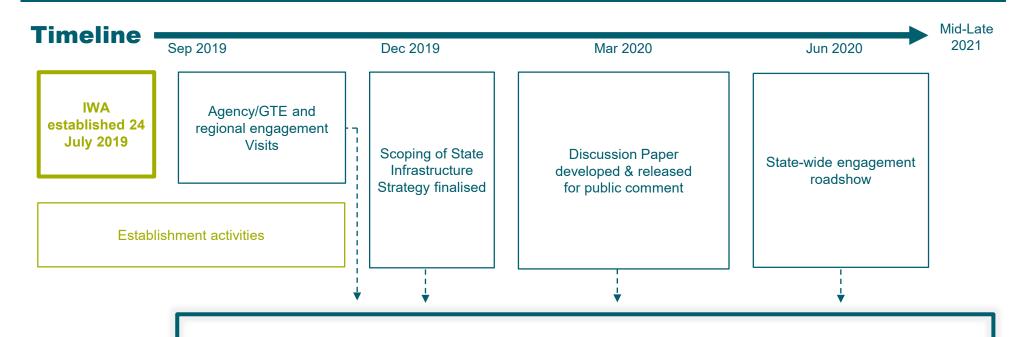


#### **Other considerations**

- Technology and disruption
- Growing importance of data
- Urbanisation and shifting urban development patterns
- Expectations of infrastructure users and changing behaviours
- Environmental challenges and resilience
- Doing more with less



## **Developing the SIS - first 12 months**



#### State Infrastructure Strategy scoping, development and drafting activities

(embedding of other functions required under the *Infrastructure Western Australia Act 2019*, including coordination of State interactions with Infrastructure Australia)

## Regional perspectives: challenges and opportunities

#### **Challenges**

- Ongoing development and the ability of infrastructure to keep up
- Remote and Aboriginal communities
- Economy and employment
- Housing
- Social



#### Regional perspectives: challenges and opportunities

#### **Opportunities**

Rapid development also means the Kimberley is a region of significant growth potential.

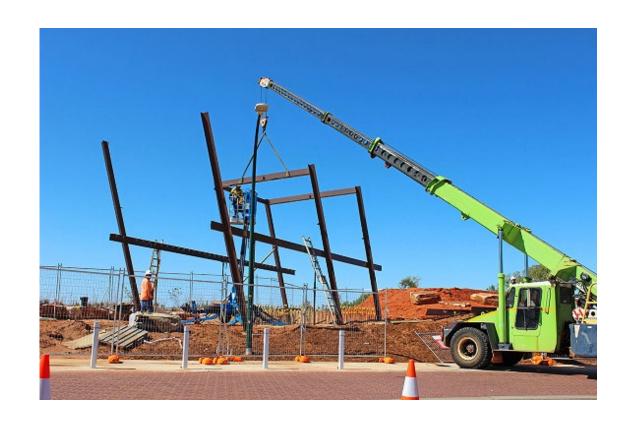
- Tourism, including Aboriginal-based tourism
- Energy and gas
- Commodities and resources



## Regional perspectives: challenges and opportunities

#### **Opportunities (cont')**

- Education
- Primary industries, including fisheries and aquaculture



#### Question prompts and break for morning tea

- What do you see as the key infrastructure issues, challenges and opportunities for infrastructure in the Kimberley?
- Where do you see Infrastructure
   WA could add value to the
   Kimberley region?

- What is the role of the Kimberley in growing Western Australia?
- How much growth can and should the Kimberley accommodate?
- What services are we likely to use in the future that may require supporting digital infrastructure?

# Open forum

Questions, comments and perspectives from the floor



## We need your input

- IWA engagement program
- Developing the State
   Infrastructure Strategy
- Discussion paper and regional roadshows



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## **Contact us**





## Get in touch

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