



# South West Stakeholders Engagement Forum

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# About us

- Infrastructure WA an election commitment in *Plan for Jobs*
- Recommended by Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects
- Strong industry support
- Other jurisdictions
- Infrastructure WA's role is to advise and assist Government on matters relating to infrastructure
- Reports directly to the Premier
- Importance of the regions



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# Key functions

## Phase 1

- 20-year **State Infrastructure Strategy**
- Coordinate State's submissions to **IA**
- Review and report on infrastructure proposals prior to submission to IA
- 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/report on **completed projects**
- Promote **public awareness** of infrastructure matters

## Phase 2

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





## 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

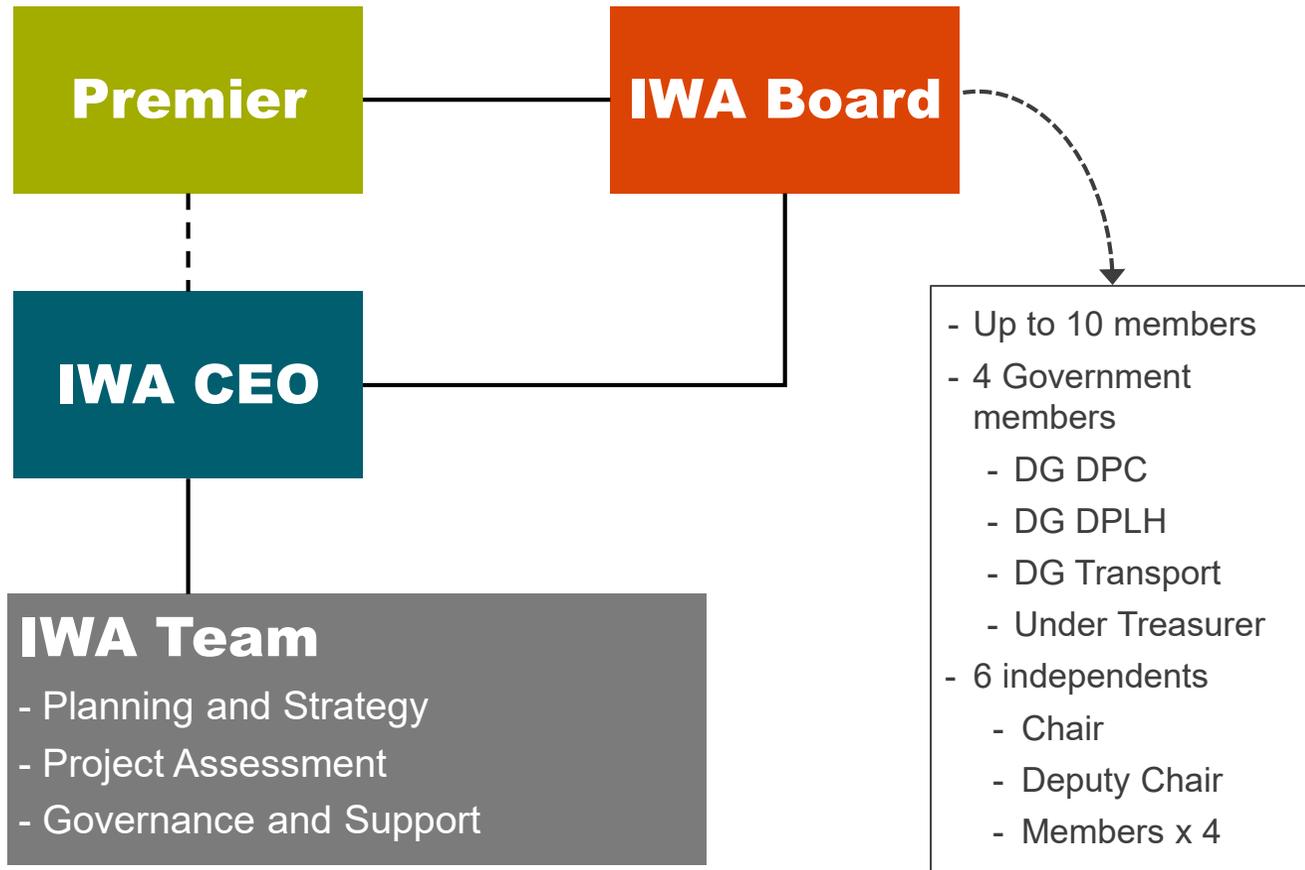
### Better quality infrastructure proposals

Right projects at the right time, Cwth' infrastructure funding

### Funding / financing advice

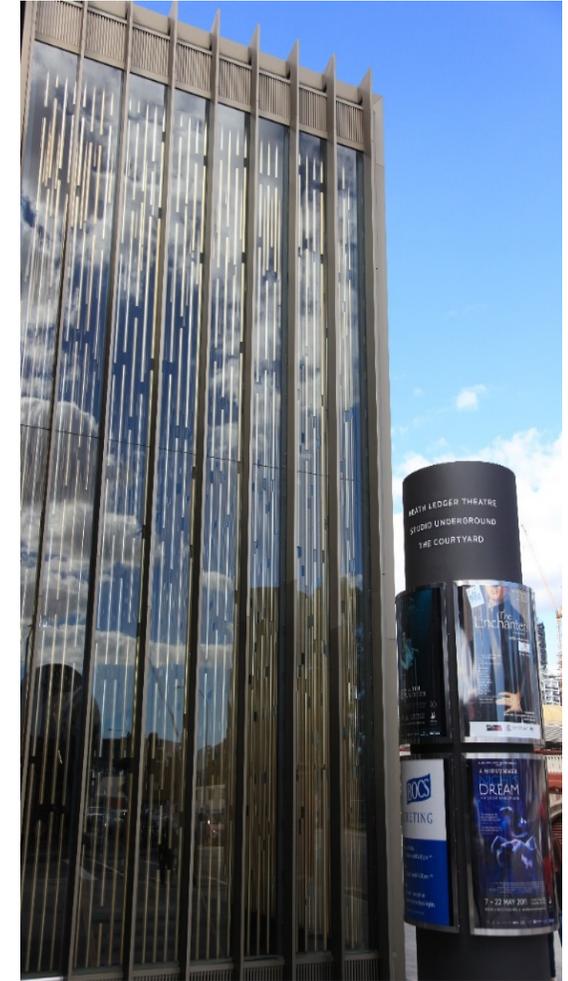
Advice on funding & financing options for different projects

# Governance

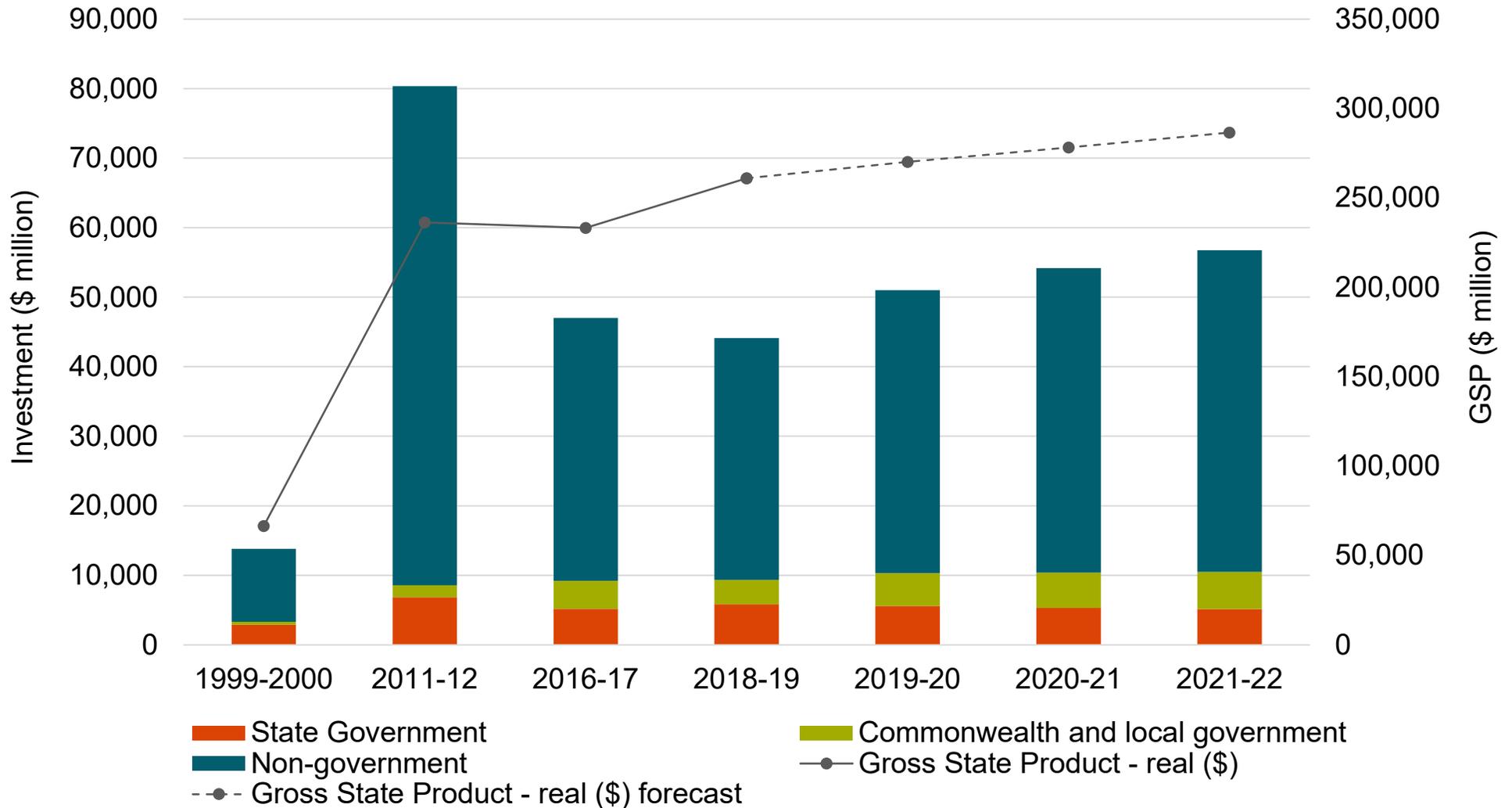


# Roles for Government

- 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 Strategy's recommendations (to the extent Government supports recommendations)
- Prepare annual State Infrastructure Programme (10-yr):
  - Take into account the Strategy's recommendations (to the extent supported by Government)
  - 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.



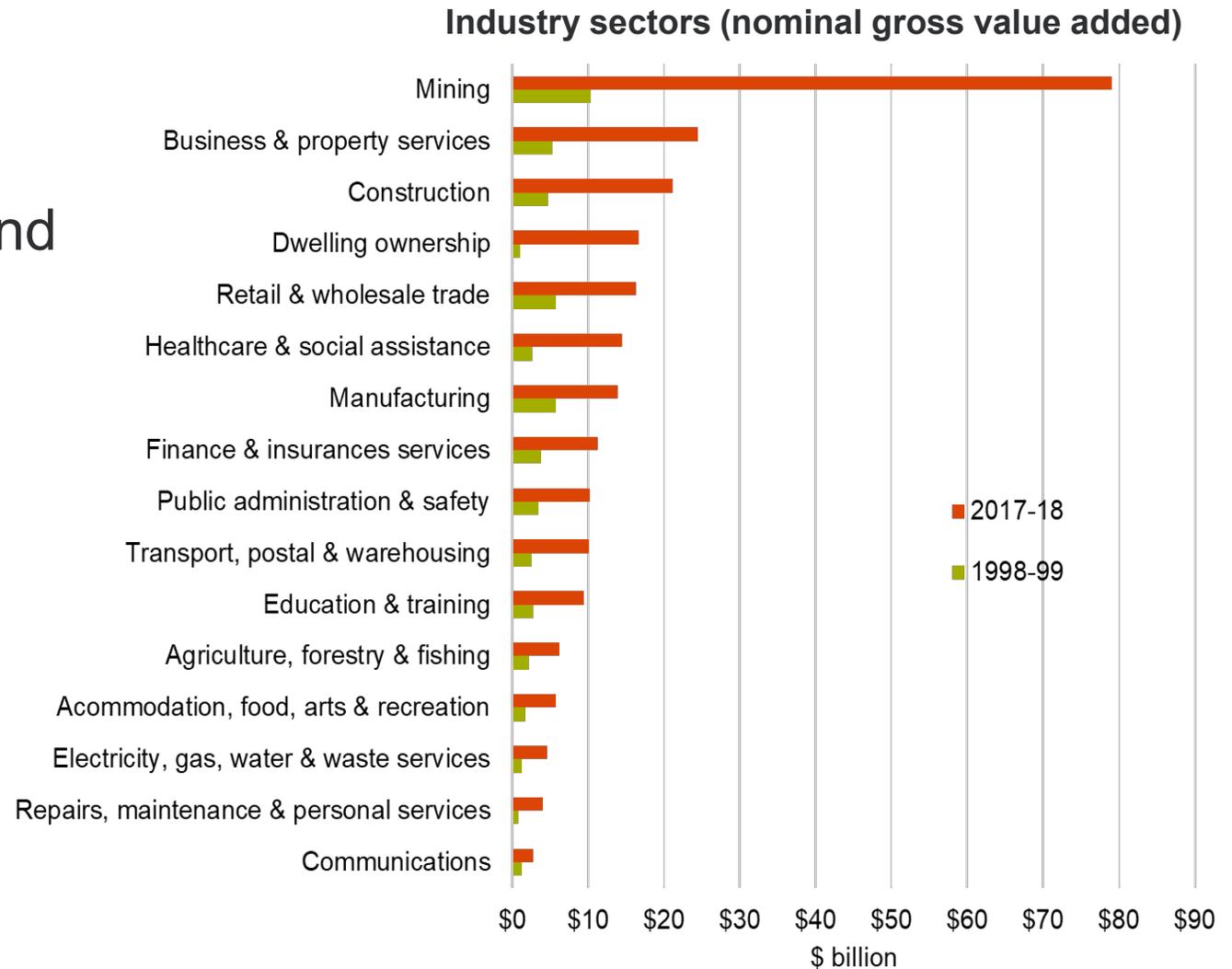
# Infrastructure investment in WA



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, consider existing strategies and policies of government, and consider non-build solutions
- IWA will consult broadly in preparing the strategy, both internal and external to government
- Regional interests/matters are key
- Iterative
- Scale of the task



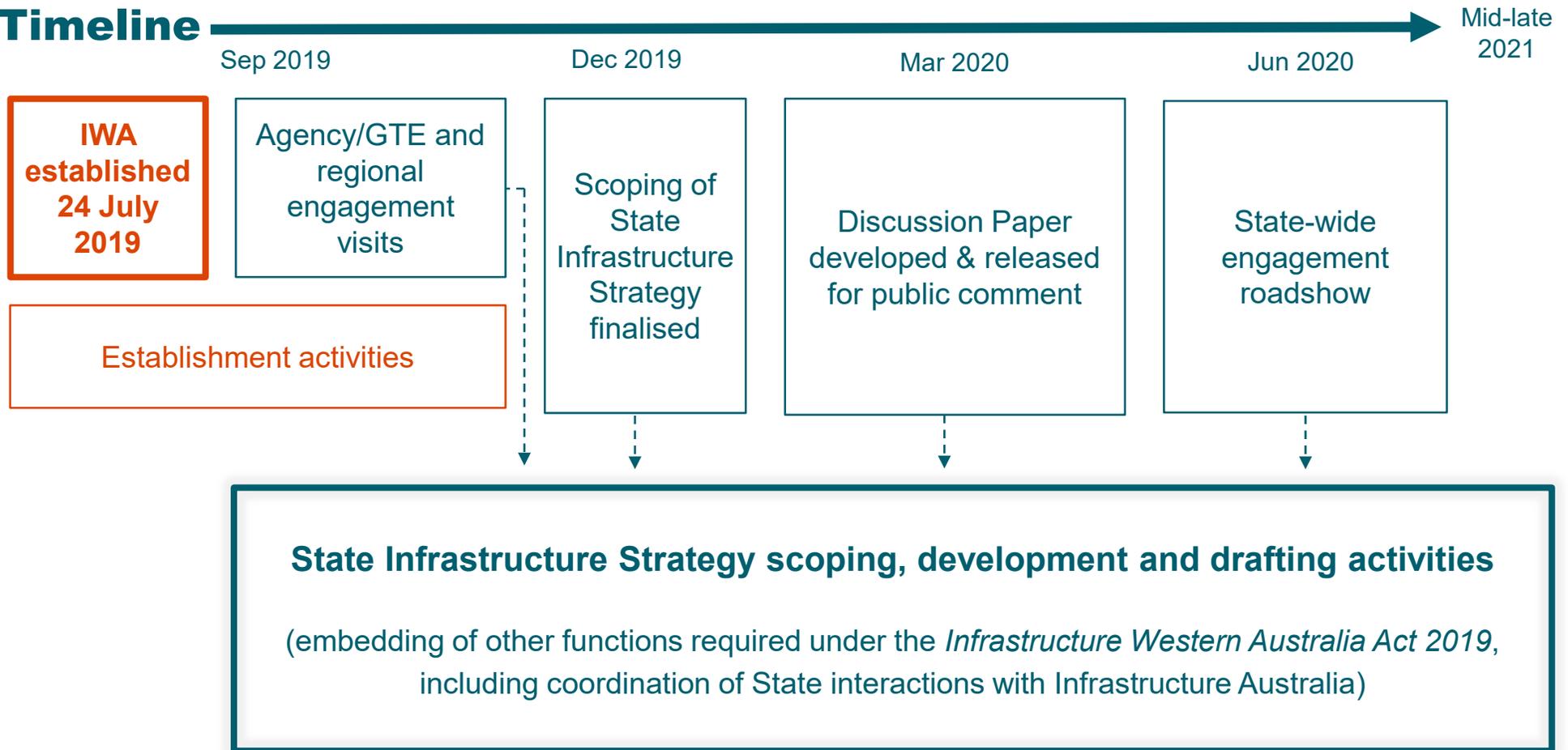
## Other considerations

- 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

## Timeline



# Regional perspectives: challenges and opportunities

## Challenges

- Economic diversification, growth and jobs
- Infrastructure to support growth
- Dispersed population across a large area
- Social issues



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# Regional perspectives: challenges and opportunities

## Opportunities

- Tourism and natural attractions
- Lithium/processing
- Agriculture, irrigation & agribusiness
- Industrial lands
- Transport links



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## Question prompts and break for morning tea

What do you see as the key infrastructure issues, challenges and opportunities for infrastructure in the South West region?

Where do you see Infrastructure WA could add value to the South West region?

What is the role of the South West region in growing Western Australia?

How much growth can and should the region 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



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# We need your input

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



# Contact us



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