

**Advocacy
Collaboration
Representation**

We lead the sustainable strategic growth of Western Australia's regional capitals, with a focus on excellence and opportunity creation.



**Regional
Capitals
Alliance**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



TOURISM \$2+ BILLION

18% of WA's economy



EMPLOYMENT

11% of WA's employment

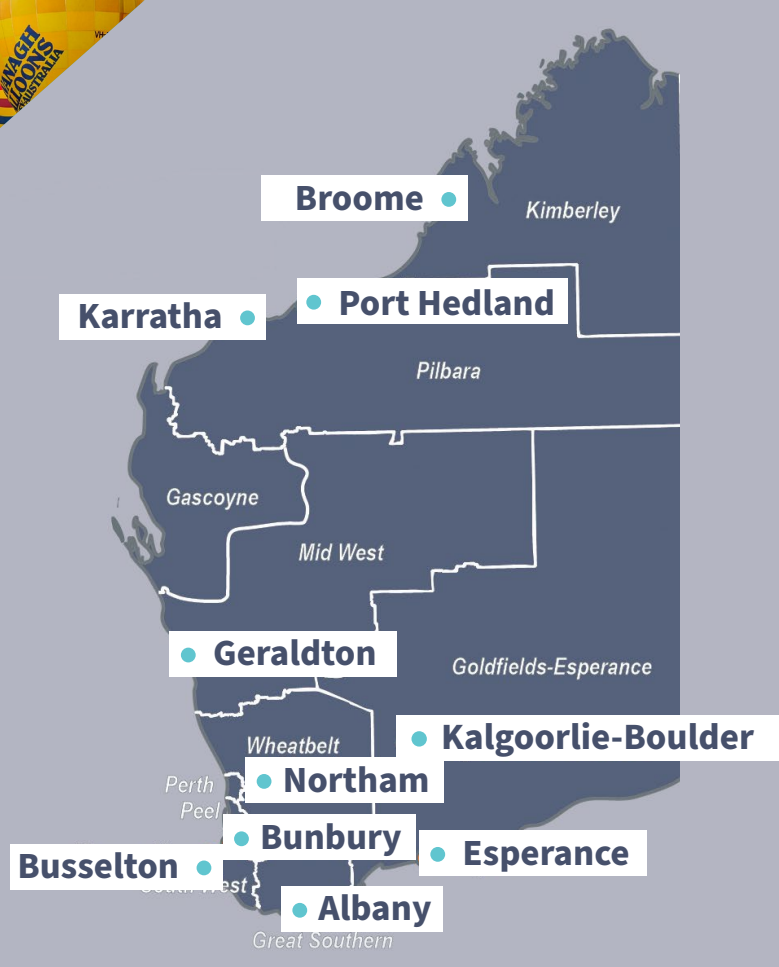


**PORT
PRODUCTION
\$71 BILLION**

74% of WA's total exports

**GROSS REGIONAL
PRODUCT
\$33BILLION**

13% of WA's GSP



“Western Australia’s ten regional capitals are home to over 250,000 people; that is half the population of regional Western Australia and the engine room of the nation.”



**\$365K AVERAGE
HOUSE PRICE**

Significantly below the national average house price of \$571k



**\$4 BILLION
AGRICULTURE**

14% of WA's economy



Investment Framework

To seek a bipartisan financial commitment of \$100m per annum from State and/or Federal Governments, over a ten year period, beyond election cycles, so as to leverage the combined \$3.6b forward capital works programs of Alliance members.

This fund can be accessed by Alliance members, based on a clear alignment with State Policy and Priorities, benefits to surrounding Local Government communities and providing a cogent business case. The fund would be administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Regional Capital Investment Framework Principles

- Deliver outcomes for WA and Australia
- Planned & strategic economic development
- Outcomes focused across People, Place, Business and Economy
- Provide regional leadership
- Collaborative approach
- Use our connections with industry and government
- Opportunities are business driven
- Active use of non-financial levers

Why now?

The current global economic headwinds of COVID-19 pandemic, potential trade wars and the uncertainty of China's position in the world requires a Western Australian paradigm shift.

Many layers of government and private enterprise, since COVID-19, have presented the requirement for Australia to quickly move from a 'harvest' mindset to an economy that is more reliant on secondary processing of our abundant natural resources.

It is the time to facilitate and fast track economic development opportunities through faster pre-feasibility studies, opportunity approvals and development beyond the current WA Government Recovery Plan.

Those actions need to clear a path for investment and create an appropriate regulatory environment for public and private capital to navigate the complexities and challenges of approvals, which will then give comfort to investors.

RCAWA Proposed Approach

Facilitate, coordinate and connect with businesses of all sizes and community groups to identify key projects for the Regional Capital and region.

Identify all relevant stakeholders for each project.

Workshop 'best-path' options with other Regional Capitals to use experience of RCAWA.

Consult locally with community, regional local governments, business and relevant State and Federal Government authorities to develop project rationale and 'why'.

Develop clear Regional Capitals economic development and social plan linked to the region.

Ensure projects are attractive for all funding options available from State Government, Federal Government, business and investment groups.

Identify non-financial levers that will accelerate achievement of the vision and projects.

Support and/or prepare strategic comprehensive and coherent business cases for each project with stakeholders.

Regional Capitals Project Opportunities



880 TOTAL REGIONAL CAPITALS PROJECTS
Including ~10 aggregated projects



\$3.6B TOTAL VALUE
\$4M AV. VALUE OF PROJECTS



36 AGGREGATED PROJECTS PER REGIONAL CAPITAL

Megaprojects and Large Projects

\$50M+ PROJECT VALUE | **15** PROJECTS

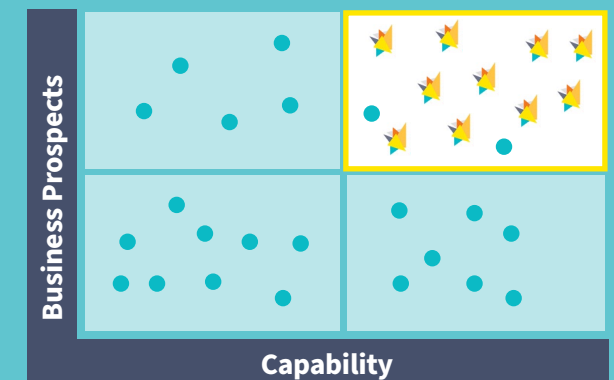
\$5M+ PROJECT VALUE | **88** PROJECTS

Economic & Fundamental Infrastructure Projects

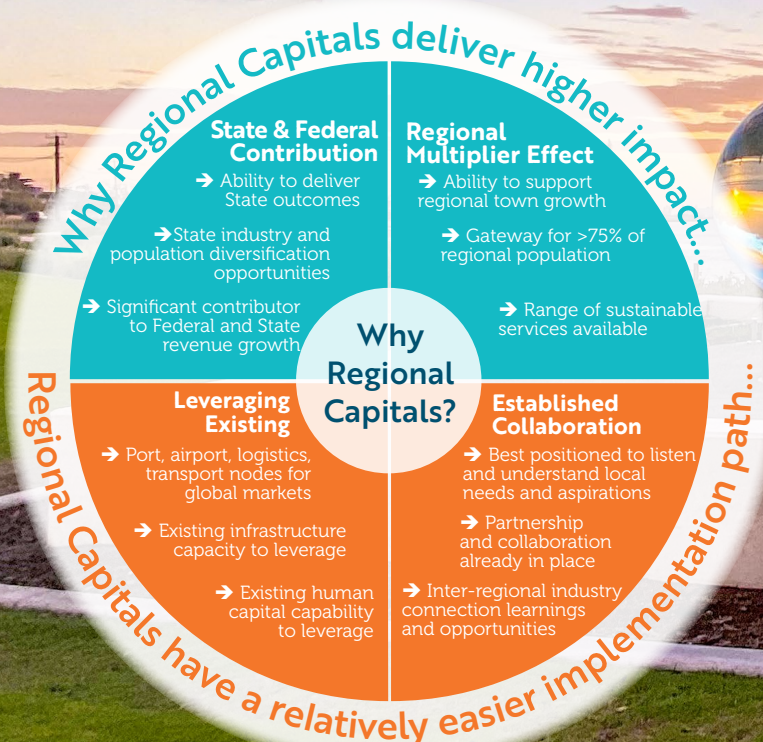
TRANSPORT **\$1.25B** | **TECHNOLOGY** **\$150M**

ENERGY **\$25M** | **HEALTH** **\$125M**

A DELIVERY MODEL FOR INVESTMENT CAPABILITY / BUSINESS PROSPECTS MATRIX



○ Other Regional LGS | ★ RCAWA Alliance Members



Source: Regional Capital (RCAWA) Forward Capital Work Plan Analysis June 2020



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LIVEABLE

- Established communities with well developed infrastructure, services and lifestyle opportunities.

WA's regional capitals are well established centres and are now home to over 250,000 people; that is half the population of regional WA.



CONNECTED

- Although each regional capital has a unique local context they share much in common.

WA's regional capitals are connected by global supply chains and are interacting with emerging global economies, each with capacity and prospects to grow.



PRODUCTIVE

- Together regional capitals continue to contribute significantly to the national economy.

WA's regional capitals have high concentrations of employment with a number experiencing significant growth over the past five years.



OPPORTUNITY

- Each regional capital has a high capability to grow its population base and economic diversity.

WA's regional capitals collaborate to deliver transformative projects positioning them as ideal locations to focus Government and industry investment.

Agenda for Growth

Regional Capitals in the National Interest

RED TAPE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reform Local Government for better regional decision making. 2. Streamline land tenure and native title processes. 3. Integrate project approvals. A single integrated land, planning, environment and development system.
EMPLOYMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support skilled migration into regional capitals to match skill-based needs. 2. Reform FBT in remote regional Australia to incentivise work and living regionally. 3. Develop a National settlement Strategy that focuses on regional capitals.
TOURISM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more support to promote iconic attractions in regional capitals. 2. Reduce cost of regional airfares. 3. Build better collaboration between regional capitals and Tourism Australia. 4. Build tourism related infrastructure and facilities.
INFRASTRUCTURE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fast track regional capitals funding deals. 2. Adopt the Regional Investment Framework approach. 3. Include regional capitals in National Energy Policy discussions. 4. Establish arts and cultural facilities funding program.



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