



Parliamentary National Party of Australia (WA)

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Dear Mr Wellington

REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

Thank you for your correspondence received 23 December 2020 regarding the Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia's recently published *Regional Investment Framework*.

Congratulations on its release. I understand a considerable amount of research and time has been invested into creating this document. I appreciate the constructive engagement we have had with you, Secretary Andrew Sharpe and Executive Officer Paul Rosair as the framework was developed.

The Nationals WA remain the only political party with a dedicated Regional Cities portfolio, held by Member for Geraldton Ian Blayney MLA. On 24 November 2020 I launched our Regional Capitals Fund, a \$250 million Royalties for Regions-funded election commitment aiming to provide funding assistance to 11 communities for:

1. Urban renewal projects to revitalise residential and commercial areas in need of transformation;
2. investment in tourism and visitor infrastructure;
3. supporting infrastructure and planning to create water sensitive cities; and
4. driving innovation and incubation to create space for start-ups, problem solvers and new businesses to diversify the economy.

Our policy and funding commitment extends to Kununurra in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley given its growing strategic importance as a freight, tourism and primary industries hotspot, and its direct linkage to the Northern Territory.

I'm pleased to note synergies in the RCAWA's investment framework and our Regional Capitals Fund. The Nationals WA share your appetite to develop these regional cities and centres to make them even more liveable and attractive to visit, build investor confidence, diversify their economies and create jobs.

Thank you again for sharing the framework with me, my office has also forwarded it our entire team of candidates to ensure they are aware of RCAWA's aspirations. Should you wish to view our other 2021 State election commitments and party policies, please visit www.nationalswa.com.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Mia Davies MLA
LEADER

cc. Ian Blayney MLA, Member for Geraldton (Regional Cities Spokesperson)

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