

Update on Planning for an Intermodal Terminal in the Kwinana/Cockburn Area – Outcomes from Workshop and Future Actions

In November 2008 the Government released the report *Kwinana Intermodal Terminal Site Evaluation and Planning Study*. The purpose of this work is to assist Government to identify if a feasible site option exists for the future development of an intermodal (container) terminal in the Kwinana/Cockburn area.

Following release of the report around 320 submissions were received covering a variety of issues, including support for the Government's proposal. Several submissions proposed alternative site locations.

It was decided that these alternative site options should be presented to the community and other interest groups and for these groups to collectively assess their merits.

Workshop

As a result, Department of Planning arranged for a workshop, which was held on 18 June at the Cruising Yacht Club of Western Australia, Rockingham.

Written invitations to participate in the workshop were extended to everyone who made a formal submission to Government on the proposal. Fourteen community members indicated their intention to attend and eleven were available on the day.

Around 40 other stakeholders also attended, representing local and state government organisations, transport industry representatives, local land owners, industry representatives and local miners.

Workshop attendees heard from speakers Greg Martin, Professor of Planning and Transport Studies, Curtin University of Technology, John Chortis, Director of Infrastructure Planning and Coordination at the Department of Planning and consultant, Paul Fisher, Manager, Transportation at GHD.

Allen Blood, Coordinator Strategic Planning, City of Cockburn presented the details for an alternative site favoured by the City of Cockburn. This site is immediately south of the proposed Rowley Road connection within the Town of Kwinana. Discussion also occurred in relation to two sites previously proposed by the Hon. Fran Logan MLA. It was reported that these two sites were previously investigated and found to have fatal flaws.

Following this, the attendees participated in a group activity to assess the City of Cockburn site.

Site evaluation

The City of Cockburn site was assessed against seven key criteria. These covered factors such as land area requirement, connections to the rail network, environmental impacts, distance from residential areas and impact of established infrastructure, such as the Dampier-Bunbury gas pipeline.

The outcome was that the groups decided the City of Cockburn site option warranted further consideration. (See map of Cockburn and Government sites.)

In response to the workshop outcomes the Department of Planning has agreed to further investigate the City of Cockburn alternative option. GHD engineering and planning consultants have since been engaged to undertake an independent assessment of the site.

The consultant's report is due in September

Following this investigation, the Government's Kwinana Intermodal Terminal Steering Committee will be reconvened to consider the findings. Local governments will be involved throughout the process.

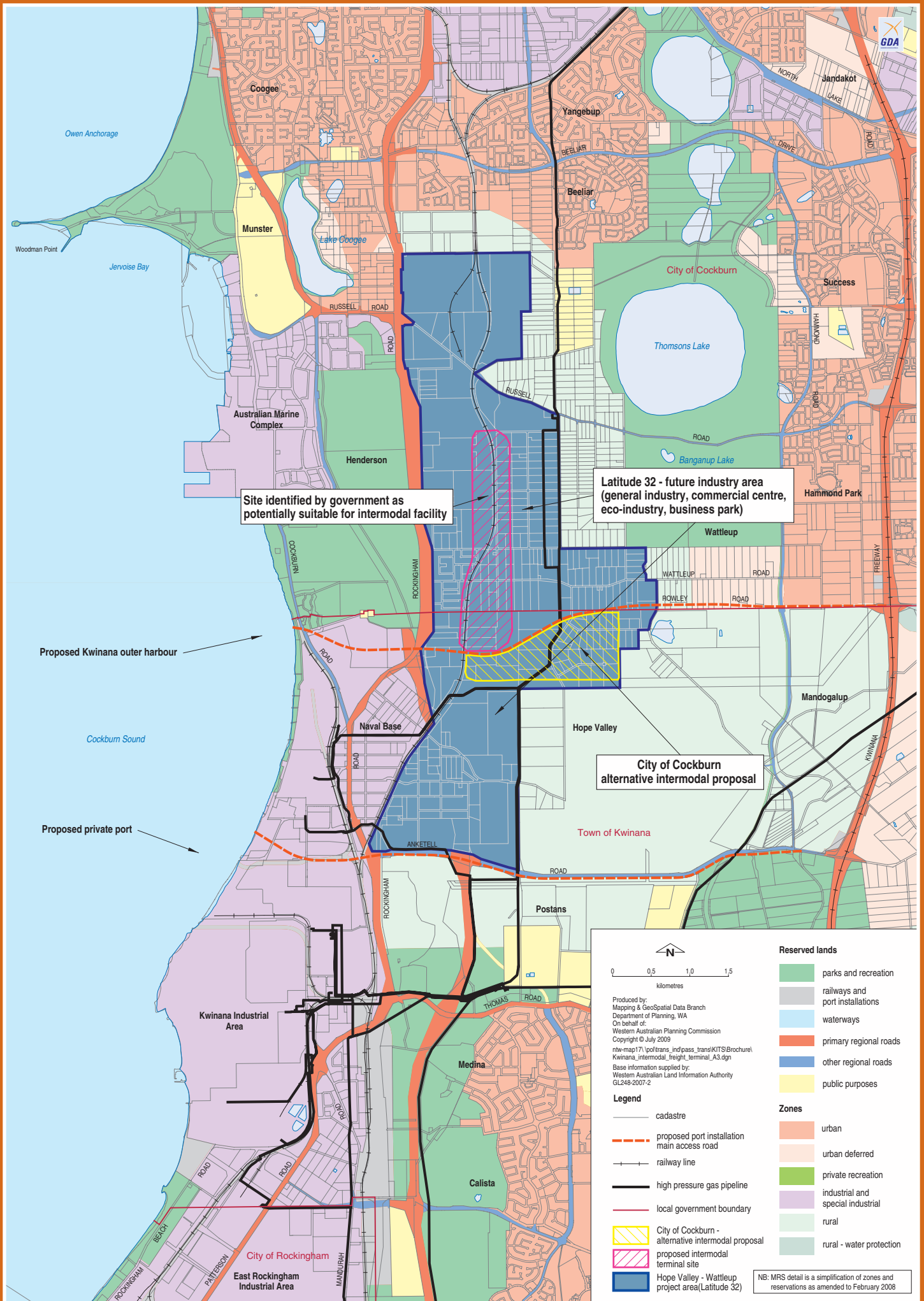
The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) will make a final recommendation on the optimal terminal location. In doing this the WAPC will consider the GHD report findings and other factors to determine the best overall planning outcome.

Once a decision has been made by the WAPC, the optimal terminal location will be included in the Latitude 32 Structure Plan, which is currently being prepared by LandCorp, and which will be subject to a separate public comment process at a later date.



How can you gain more information?

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