



# Minister for Jobs' Annual Report 2018





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Stage 2, one of the nine WA Industry Link pilot  
projects.

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## Premier's Foreword

Creating jobs for Western Australians is my number one priority.

The *Western Australian Jobs Act 2017* (WA Jobs Act), and Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy (WAIPS) set out the Government's expectation that opportunities for Western Australian businesses and workers must be maximised when it comes to delivering government goods and services.

Each year, the State Government spends about \$27 billion on goods, services and works for the community, representing a significant opportunity and stable market for local industry.

There are opportunities for Western Australian businesses to get a bigger share of this work, and the WAIPS will help them to do so.

The WAIPS represents a new way forward for State Government procurement, and together with the WA Jobs Act will help to ensure more opportunities are created for WA businesses, meaning more jobs for local workers.

This is the first Annual Report to Parliament produced since the Parliament passed the WA Jobs Act and the WAIPS was implemented.

Under the WA Jobs Act, it is my responsibility, as Minister for Jobs, to report annually to Parliament on the functioning of the WA Jobs Act and the WAIPS over the past financial year.

This report covers the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. As the WAIPS was not fully implemented until 1 October 2018, there is limited data on the functioning and outcomes of the strategy within the last financial year.

Therefore, this report will have a qualitative focus, providing the Western Australian Parliament and the people of this State with an outline of the:

- Progress and impact of the implementation of the WAIPS and WA Jobs Act.
- Initiatives undertaken to support opportunities for local businesses within State Government procurement and the anticipated outcomes.
- Operations of the Industry Link Advisory Service (ILAS) and the Local Content Advisers (LCAs).
- The WA Industry Link portal.
- Progress on the nine WAIPS pilot projects.
- Local Capability Fund.

In terms of the future, our first priority is to ensure that Agencies introduce appropriate processes into their tendering and contracting practices in relation to participation plans and reporting of outcomes against those plans.

Plans from successful suppliers and reports will be supplied to the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI).



The WA Jobs Act provides the Minister for Jobs with flexibility to effect amendments to the WAIPS, where deemed necessary, based around learned experiences.

Going forward, issues under consideration include:

- The different operation of panel contracts by Agencies.
- Tendering practices followed by Agencies.
- Relations between Contractors, sub-Contractors and Agencies.
- The extent of potential involvement by Local Government.

Consideration of revising the WAIPS to include Local Government is reinforced by the Auditor General's October 2018 report on Local Government Procurement.

Any changes to WAIPS, that would impact on Local Government Authorities, would only occur following an extensive consultation process with the WA Local Government Association and other relevant stakeholders.

WAIPS became fully operational from 1 October 2018. This date represents a new era in job creation and industry development. It also demonstrates the commitment made by State Agencies to a period of continuous internal review of their existing tendering and contracting documentation.

This will deliver improved and more uniform approaches towards supply of goods and services to the State.

I have been greatly encouraged by the universal preparedness of Agencies to embrace and adopt change in relation to the government market. Equally, I express my appreciation for the feedback and input from local industry, unions and industry bodies. This has been of considerable assistance in framing WAIPS.

I also believe there is widespread recognition that WAIPS now establishes a solid foundation for enhanced local industry participation through government generated supply opportunities across the State.

This Government's report to Parliament will be replicated annually, presenting a platform where trends and issues can be highlighted and decisions made by government in response to market movements outlined.

I now table the report.



**Hon Mark McGowan MLA,**  
Premier of Western Australia; Minister for Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; State Development; Federal-State Relations



## The Plan for Jobs - a new era in job creation for WA

The Plan for Jobs was WA Labor's pre-election platform that outlined a strategy to create a more vibrant and diversified economy in a time of transition in resource investment and slowing in the residential building sector.

One of the Plan's listed priorities was to ensure the billions of dollars spent annually on State Government procurement supported local industry and created new jobs for Western Australians.

The Plan for Jobs included a focus on local jobs and local content, with a commitment to enact legislation that aimed to generate opportunities for businesses, particularly local small and medium sized businesses, to compete for State Government contracts.

The legislation required all Government agencies to introduce participation plans into their procurement process, which would ensure that value for money, creation of local jobs and training opportunities, and diversification and growth of local industry are considered to be important criteria in tender evaluation and award of contracts.

### A focus on government procurement

In his December 2017 report to Parliament the Western Australian Auditor General assessed the effectiveness of government procurement initiatives in delivering local content and employment. The audit titled "Local Content in Government Procurement" focussed primarily on the Buy Local Policy as the key prevailing local content policy.

The Auditor General found that the Policy is very difficult for agencies to apply and enforce, and a lack of information makes it hard to demonstrate if it is making a difference.

Since assuming office, the Labor Government introduced legislation aimed at changing the Government's strategy, the Policy and its implementation. That legislation was the Western Australian Jobs Bill 2017 (WA Jobs Bill) which received Royal assent on 13 December 2017.

The Auditor General's findings; the February 2018 report of the Langoullant Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects add credence to the Government's decision to develop the WAIPS.

## The first steps towards creating more jobs for Western Australians

**10 April 2016**

WA Labor's pre-election platform, the Plan for Jobs is announced, making a commitment to the WA Jobs Act.

**17 March 2017**

The Hon. Mark McGowan was elected as the Premier of Western Australia. His portfolio includes Minister for Jobs and Trade, reinforcing the importance of the issue.

**17 March 2017**

The drafting of the Jobs Bill begins to commence the enactment of the local content commitments within the Plan for Jobs.

**July 2017**

JTSI began development of the WAIPS to give effect to the objectives within the WA Jobs Act.

**16 March 2018**

The State Government also launched a new round of Local Capability Fund (LCF) to assist local businesses to compete for State Government supply contracts.

**16 March 2018**

The Premier, Hon. Mark McGowan launched WA Industry Link, a key component of the WA Jobs Act that will help local businesses, in particular small and medium sized enterprises, to secure work on State Government contracts. The WA Industry Link comprises of the development and implementation of the WAIPS, the Industry Link Advisory Service, regionally based LCAs and the WA Industry Link portal.

**13 December 2017**

The Jobs Bill was passed by both Houses and enacted to become the WA Jobs Act.

**6 September 2017**

The Jobs Bill is introduced into State Parliament.

**17 March 2018**

Implementation of the WAIPS began with the initiation of nine WA Industry Link pilot projects to road-test the new legislative requirements.

**November 2017**

JTSI commenced ongoing consultation with over 40 key State Agencies and 15 industry bodies to identify the implications of implementing the WAIPS into procurement processes.

**26 March 2018**

JTSI and The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) formed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to ensure the implementation of the WAIPS is aligned across all of government and all regions. The MoU outlined DPIRD's responsibility of nine LCAs, who will pursue and promote opportunities for local suppliers and appropriate jobseekers in the regions.

**15 June 2018**

Commencement of the WA Industry Link Regional Roadshows. Managed by the Regional Development Commissions, DPIRD and JTSI, the roadshow toured the nine regions introducing the dedicated LCAs to prospective regional suppliers and provided information on the relevant requirements of the WAIPS and advisory services available.

**16 August 2018**

WAIPS training commenced for Government Agencies. JTSI in conjunction with AVELING, a local training provider, developed a training course to ensure major procuring agencies would be ready to implement WAIPS by the 1 October deadline.

**1 October 2018**

The WAIPS is fully implemented and the requirements will apply to all State Agencies and Government Trading Entities and all forms of procurement.



## The Western Australian Jobs Act 2017

The purpose of the WA Jobs Act is to use the Western Australian Government procurement process to enhance local industry participation in the supply of goods and services to or for State Agencies, with a particular focus on benefits to small and medium sized enterprises.

As such, the WA Jobs Act puts greater responsibility on State Agencies to provide local industry with full, fair and reasonable opportunity to access and win State Government supply contracts. It also puts a focus on the reporting of economic outcomes of local industry participation.

The WA Jobs Act is the first piece of legislation that applies to all State Departments, Agencies, Statutory Authorities and Government Trading Entities and all forms of procurement.

The WA Jobs Bill was introduced to Parliament in September 2017 and was passed on 13 December 2017 by both Houses to become the WA Jobs Act.

The WA Jobs Act is the responsibility of the Minister for Jobs and is implemented by JTSL.



## The Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy

The WAIPS was developed by the State Government to give effect to the objectives within the WA Jobs Act. The WAIPS is implemented by JTSI.

One of the key elements of the WAIPS is the obligation for agencies to require prospective suppliers to complete and submit a participation plan as part of their tender bid for contracts above relevant thresholds.

Participation plans are written statements that prospective suppliers use to outline their commitments to employing or involving local businesses in supply opportunities. Participation plans will be used as part of the evaluation, award and contracting process.

The WA Jobs Act includes provision for the WAIPS to be amended or replaced, as seen fit by the Minister for Jobs.

This enables the WAIPS to be a dynamic document that evolves to meet the changing needs of State Agency procurement.

Potential improvements have already been identified and will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 version of the WAIPS document.



## Implementing the WAIPS

To ensure the successful implementation of the WAIPS, JTSI initiated and continues a comprehensive consultation process with key procuring Agencies, Industry Associations and Unions.

In November 2017, JTSI sent letters containing initial drafts of the WAIPS and WA Jobs Act, implementation guidelines and templates to 41 Agencies as well as 15 Industry Associations and Unions seeking feedback. Approximately 80% responded with the reaction being largely positive.

A number of Agencies and Industry Associations also expressed enthusiasm to work with JTSI on implementation of the WAIPS. Following this initial response, JTSI met with 20 key Agencies, Industry Associations and Unions to further discuss their specific observations with the draft version of the WAIPS.

The information gathered from this initial consultation identified that there could be no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to implementing the WAIPS. Consultations also verified the need for a six-month transition period to identify, consider and work through any issues before full implementation.

### Implementation Working Groups

Implementation Working Groups (IWGs) have been established to formalise the consultation process between JTSI and representatives from 34 key agencies to find the best way to implement the strategy within their procurement process. The objectives of the IWGs are:

- i. Review WAIPS documentation as needed in terms of improved clarity and ease of application;
- ii. Work to ensure as far as possible that agencies have a common understanding of WAIPS and its application;
- iii. Identify specific opportunities for further versions of WAIPS to be introduced or for enhancements, including amendments;
- iv. Identify input for the Minister for Jobs' annual Parliamentary report;
- v. Liaise as necessary with other agency and industry association implementation working groups on issues of common interest;
- vi. Work to identify Strategic Projects for consideration;
- vii. Act as lead advocate for the WA Jobs Act and the WAIPS within their Agency; and

viii. Consider national and international trends in procurement policy and practice.

The IWGs have a term of 18 months to ensure the smooth integration of the WAIPS participation plans and reporting plans into each Agency's procurement process.

In view of the success of the IWGs, it is intended that the groups will continue as a mechanism for modifying and updating the WAIPS as necessary.

The IWGs were instrumental to the refinement and implementation of the WAIPS. A common theme identified across the IWGs was need for simplified implementation processes wherever possible. Consequently, a number of changes have been made to the participation plans, the reporting templates and the assessment guidelines to this end.

### **Training**

To further assist the implementation of the WAIPS, JTSI engaged registered training provider AVELING to develop and deliver training sessions to the 40 key procuring State Agencies before 1 October 2018. The training aims to help staff to gain a comprehensive understanding of the WAIPS and its implementation. AVELING will also work with JTSI to deliver a number of training seminars to staff of smaller Agencies

and community service organisations. An e-learning course has been developed and is available on the WA Industry Link Portal for any staff that need to gain an understanding of the WAIPS to complete their job.

### **Standing Exemption (Community Services Procurement)**

The WA Jobs Act allows for exemptions from obligations within the WAIPS. These are to be granted by the Minister for Jobs or the Director General of JTSI on a case-by-case basis.

A standing exemption is in place for procurement that falls within the Department of Finance's Delivering Community Services in Partnership (DCSP) Policy involving a WAIPS supply. Agencies must inform successful providers that they will be requested to report on employment outcomes at designated levels.

### **Regional Price Preferences**

Regional procurement is a key element of the WAIPS. JTSI is working with Department of Finance (DoF) to revise the Regional Price Preferences by March 2019. DPIRD, LCAs and regional businesses will also provide input to the revision process.



## Agency Testimonials

“Fremantle Ports has welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with JTSI & Port representatives through the working group that we have found to be a very useful forum through which agencies have provided valuable input and received guidance and advice from JTSI staff in achieving the fundamental foundations for compliance.

We are also extremely pleased with the opportunities provided to Fremantle Ports including:

- Briefing sessions at Fremantle Ports with JTSI representatives.
- The high level of responsiveness to our enquiries and clarifications by JTSI representatives.
- The training provided to our extended staff members on site at Fremantle Ports.”

**- Fremantle Ports**

“Feedback from contractors has been positive and supportive of the WAIPS implementation. The following comments were provided:

- ‘The positive is that it holds companies accountable for their proposal to use regional businesses and engage the local community’
- ‘Add value to small and medium businesses’

**- Water Corporation ”**

## Industry Testimonials

“ The WAIPS is a highlight of the work that ASI and your Department, in its various forms, has done together of the past eight years. I am pleased to see that the implementation documents are comprehensive and sufficiently detailed to leave no doubt as to the intention and scope of WAIPS.

It is a huge task for the various Departments and agencies to undertake such a transformation in their procurement practices, but the documents will help to guide and inform the process clearly and concisely. ”

**- James England, State Manager of the Australian Steel Institute**

“ HIA supports the Government's commitment to increase industry participation across the state through government projects. The policy Act and strategy should open up more opportunities for Western Australian small business builders, contractors and suppliers. ”

**- John Gelavis, Executive Director of Housing Industry Association of WA**





## WA Industry Link Launch

On Friday 16 March 2018, Premier Mark McGowan launched the WA Industry Link comprising of the:

- Development and implementation of the Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy
- Industry Link Advisory Service
- Regionally based Local Content Advisers
- WA Industry Link online Portal

The launch event was held at the Crown Ballroom and was supported by the Housing Industry Association of WA and the Australian Steel Institute.

The event attracted 344 attendees, including Ministers as well as State Agency and industry representatives. Speakers at the event included the Hon Mark McGowan; John Gelavis, Executive Director of Housing Industry Association of WA (HIA); James England, State Manager of the Australian Steel Institute. Zac Eyles, HIA Apprentice of the year; and Emily Hessell, Window Glazer Apprentice of the Year, were also present at the event and were interviewed on the benefits of WAIPS on apprenticeships.

### Information Sessions

Following the launch event, a number of the WA Industry Link information sessions were provided to Industry Associations and included within industry events, including the HIA Industry Activity Breakfast and the Kalgoorlie Boulder Economic Development Conference.

*Photo: James England, Premier Mark McGowan and John Gelavis at the WA Industry Link launch.*







## WA Industry Link Portal

The WA Industry Link Portal was launched on 16 March 2018 as a central online source of information on how opportunities for local businesses to supply to State Government can be maximised.

The Portal offers businesses and State Agencies a range of information and resources including:

- Agency implementation guidelines and relevant policy information;
- Advice on how to complete participation plans;
- Links to advisory, support and financial assistance programs;
- Links to Local, State and Federal Government supply opportunities;
- Relevant news and events.

The WA Industry Link Portal also features an enquiry and contact form which provides an avenue for local businesses to share feedback and seek advice. The enquiry form offers a choice of enquiry types, enabling users emails to be sent directly to the most relevant ILAS Advisor.

### Portal recognition

The WA Industry Link Portal was recognised as an exemplar of the State Government's Visual Design and Functional Standard and the Western Australian Government Website Style Standard in a recent edition of the Intersector.

The article stated that by adhering to these standards, the portal's design 'simplifies user tasks and places a greater emphasis on the content'.

## WA Industry Link Portal Analytics and Performance

To provide a more comprehensive representation of WA Industry Link Portal's performance, the following data ranges from the Portal's launch on March 16 2018, through to 30 August 2018.

### Portal Activity

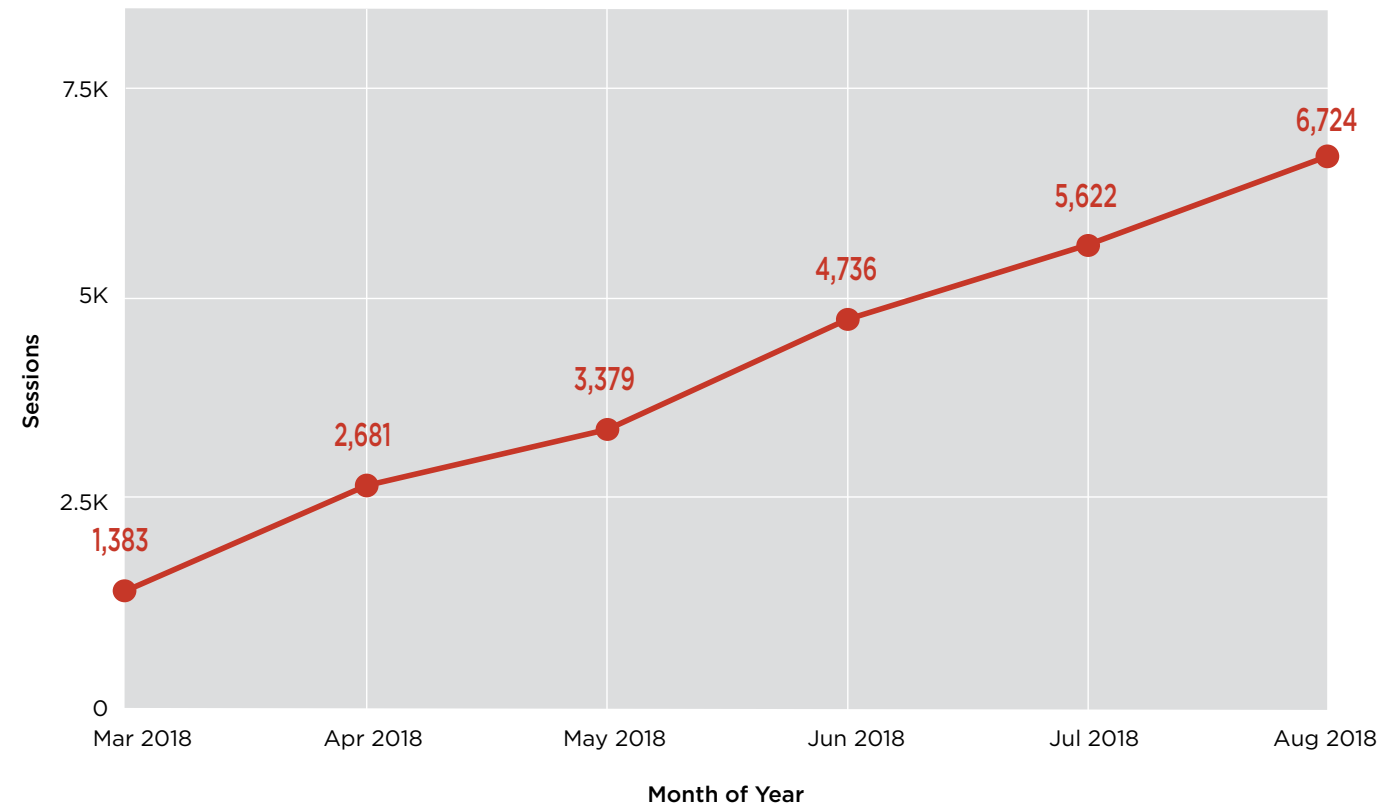
- 15,892 users who have made 24,525 sessions (user visits)
- 101 Suppliers' Guide downloads
- 127 Local Capability Fund application form downloads
- 2,473 organic searches to the portal

### Top 5 Pages Visited on the Portal

1. Home page
2. Advisory Services for Businesses
3. About the Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy
4. Events
5. About the Western Australian Jobs Act 2017

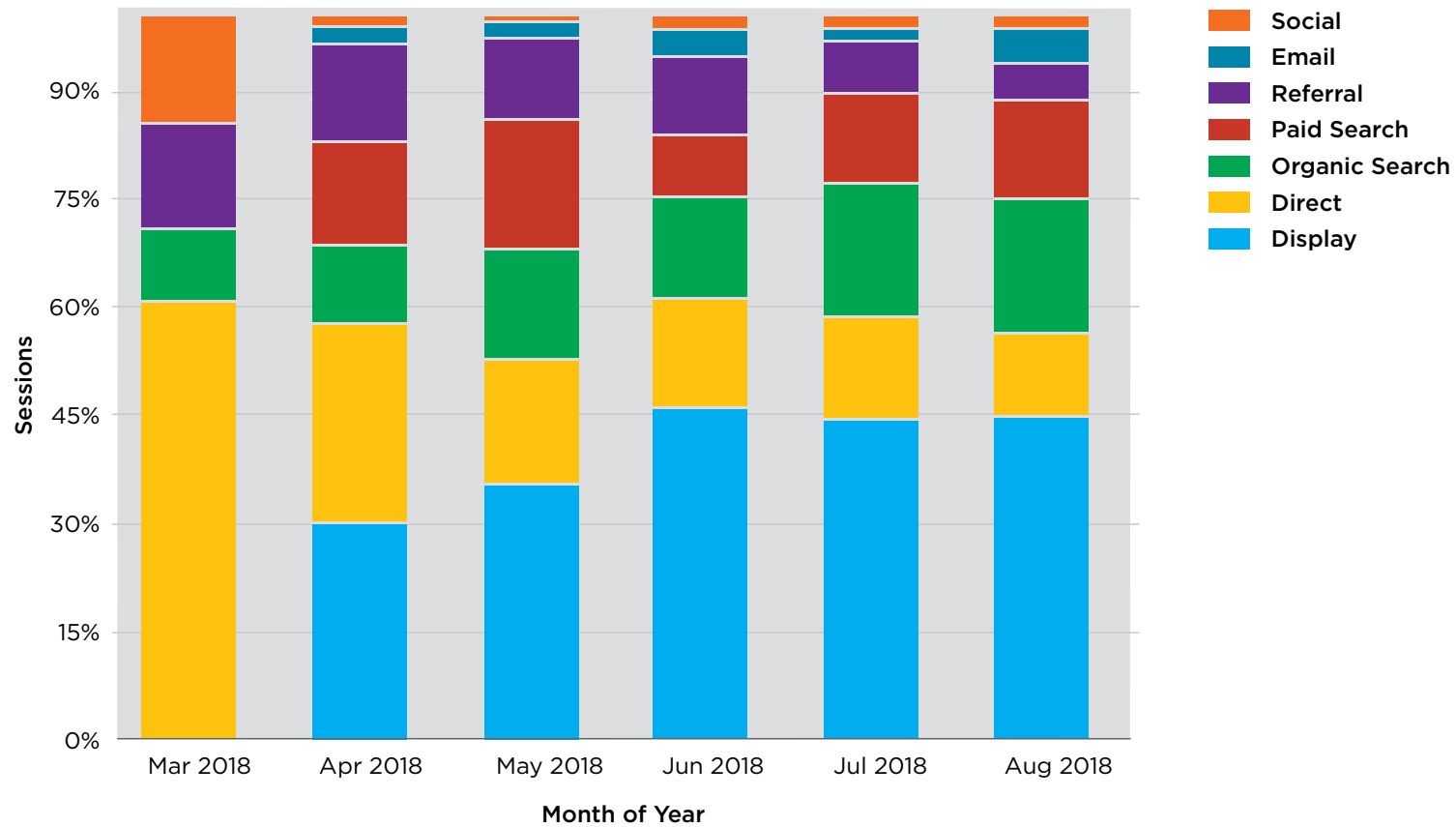


## Traffic to the WA Industry Link Portal





## How users are locating the WA Industry Link Portal





## Industry Link Advisory Service

The Industry Link Advisory Service (ILAS) operates within the Industry Development branch of JTSI and has been established to provide a range of services to assist local businesses and State Agencies understand and implement the WAIPS.

### Enquiries

ILAS received 77 email enquiries from March through to July 2018.

64 out of the 77 emails were from local suppliers.

The types of email enquiries were as follows:

- 2 other policy enquiries
- 14 general enquiries
- 54 Local Capability Fund enquiries
- 6 requests for further information
- 1 agency questionnaire enquiry

## Local Content Advisers

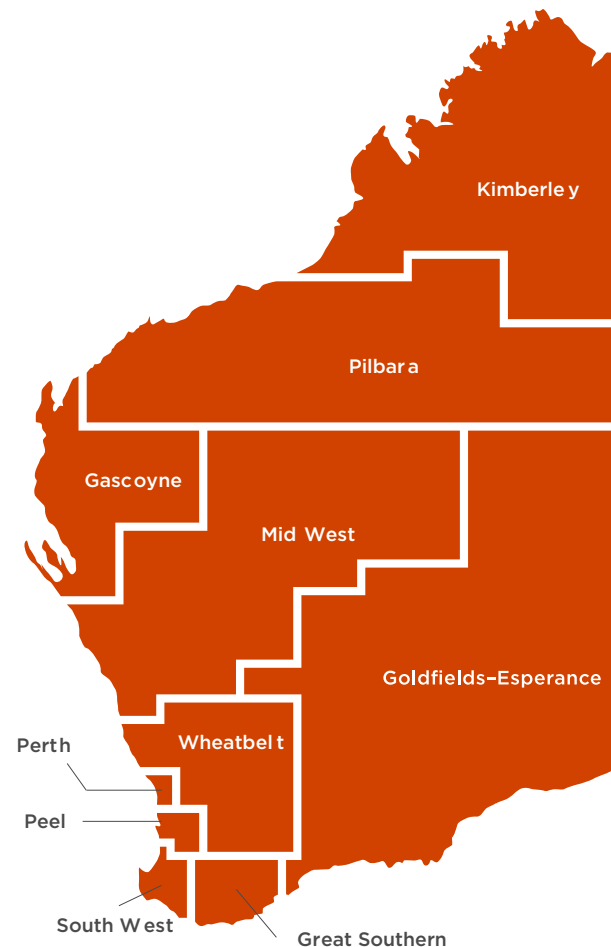
Local Content Advisers (LCAs) have been introduced to provide advisory services to local businesses in regional areas.

Working closely together, LCAs perform a similar role to ILAS, providing advisory services in the regional areas of WA. Their focus is to ensure local content outcomes are maximised, and will engage with local businesses in the regions, to assist them to build capability and compete for State Government contracts.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is directly responsible for the nine LCAs. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with JTSI, both Agencies work closely together to ensure greater opportunities for regional businesses.

The LCAs are located in the Regional Development Commissions across the state's nine regions.

Principal LCAs are located in the Mid-West and South West regions. LCAs are located in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and Peel regions.



## Local Capability Fund

The Local Capability Fund (LCF) is an initiative of the WA Industry Link.

The purpose of the fund is to assist small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Western Australia to increase their capability and competitiveness as suppliers of products, services and works to the Western Australian State Government, major projects and other important markets.

The LCF typically provides funding assistance of up to \$20,000 on a dollar for dollar basis for activities such as planning, improvements to internal infrastructure, plant and equipment and training.

During the financial year 2017-18 there were three rounds of the LCF (METRONET Rolling Stock, PROCURE South West and WAIPS round) and 23 companies were approved for funding assistance for a total funding commitment of \$334,069. Of this, \$90,567 was awarded to regional businesses in the South West and \$243,502 to metropolitan based businesses.

Additionally the Industry Facilitation and Support Program (IFSP) also continues to support SMEs in Western Australia with certification to the new Steelwork Fabrication and Erection Standard for Australia, AS/NZS5131.

### LCF Funding (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)

Round	Number of Applicants	Funds Committed
METRONET Rolling stock Round	11	\$149,672
PROCURE South West Round	5	\$74,700
WAIPS Round	7	\$109,697
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$334,069</b>

## Use of LCF funding

Round	Activities funded
METRONET Rolling stock Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultancy for ISO9001:2015 Accreditation</li> <li>• Consultancy for ISO9001:2015 implementation and certification</li> <li>• Consultancy for ISO9001:2015 Implementation and audit</li> <li>• Consultancy for tender support; Equipment modification</li> <li>• Consultancy services for upgrade to ISO9001:2015</li> <li>• Implementation and maintenance of QA Management and OSH systems</li> <li>• ISO9001:2015 and ISO14001:2015 Certification</li> <li>• Marketing Plan and purchase of mobile testing station</li> <li>• Plant and equipment</li> <li>• Consultancy and plant and equipment</li> </ul>
PROCURE South West Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultancy for marketing plan</li> <li>• Purchase vehicle diagnostic technology</li> <li>• Plant &amp; Equipment</li> <li>• Plant &amp; Equipment and special purpose software</li> </ul>
WAIPS Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of QA ISO9001:2015, strategic and market planning</li> <li>• Purchase computer server, online web shop design, design and implementation of student portal, training</li> <li>• Purchase of scanner for tube testing</li> <li>• Purchase Tekla Structures detailing software</li> <li>• Upgrade of CAD software</li> <li>• Plant and equipment</li> <li>• Improvement to OSH Management System ISO45001:2018, tender support</li> <li>• Implementation of management standard in security ISO27001:2013</li> <li>• ISO9001:2015, ISO14001:2015 and ISO45001:2018 Certification, Hydraulic drill</li> <li>• Development of a strategic approach for supplying to the Government market</li> </ul>



## Regional Roadshows

As part of the launch of the WA Industry Link, a series of 13 Regional Roadshows were held across the State. The aim of the roadshows was to inform regional businesses on the WA Industry Link initiative, introduce the dedicated LCAs and

provide information on the advisory services available. To capture the scope of all 13 roadshow events, the following data extends through to 30 August 2018.

### Regional Roadshows event details

Region	Date	Event Location	Attendees*
Peel	15 June 2018	Mandurah	63
Great Southern	18 June 2018	Albany	64
South West	20 June 2018	Bunbury	83
Gascoyne	27 June 2018	Carnarvon	11
Pilbara	2 July 2018	Karratha	29
Pilbara	3 July 2018	Port Hedland	19
Goldfields / Esperance	17 July 2018	Kalgoorlie	54
Goldfields / Esperance	18 July 2018	Esperance	20
Mid-West	19 July 2018	Geraldton	74
Kimberley	24 July 2018	Kununurra	19
Kimberley	26 July 2018	Broome	58
Wheatbelt	7 August 2018	Northam	12
Wheatbelt	8 August 2018	Narrogin	20

*\*The number of Attendees is based upon the number of people that registered on Eventbrite.*

### Event feedback

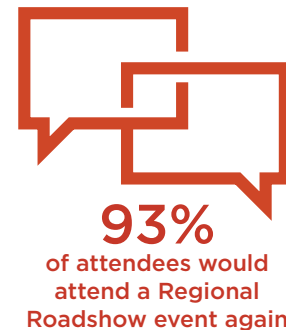
Following each event, an online survey was sent to all registered attendees to gather feedback. Overall, the online survey responses demonstrate that the events were well received.

- We collected a total of 114 responses which is an above average response rate of 23%.
- 93% said they would likely attend a similar event again.
- 72.8% of survey respondents rated the events as very helpful or extremely helpful.

The survey responses also provided valuable insight into the concerns of regional suppliers and the knowledge gaps regarding State Government procurement.

- 74% (57 respondents) identified that they would like more information on advice and programs to build their business capability.
- 62.3% (48 respondents) identified that they would like more information on how to sell to government.
- 66.2% (51 respondents) identified that they would like more information on how to complete a participation plan.

This data will be used to enhance the development of training and communication materials for prospective suppliers.



## Pilot Projects

Nine pilot projects were selected to road-test the implementation of WAIPS and the participation plan procedures. These projects have been selected for their diversity of location, duration and value and helped to identify and prepare for any opportunities and issues that may arise before the WAIPS was put into full effect on 1 October 2018.

These projects focus on the impact State Government Agency spend can have on job creation and business stimulation in local communities.

To provide a more comprehensive representation of the progress of the WA Industry Link Pilot Projects, the following data ranges from the launch of the projects' on March 16 2018, through to 30 August 2018.

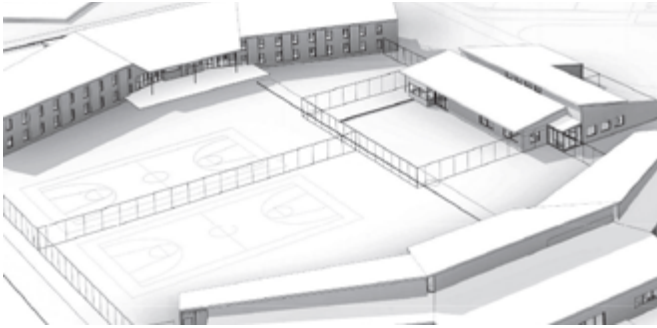


### New Museum Project – Stage 2

**Agency:** Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Department of Finance and WA Museum

The New Museum for WA is being developed in the heart of the Perth Cultural Centre, scheduled to open in 2020. Multiplex leads the team as the Managing Contractor for the Project, working with renowned international architects HASSELL+OMA. Construction is under way and works include a world class building with exciting visitor experiences, revitalised heritage-listed buildings, and the redevelopment of the external areas through landscaping in and around the New Museum.

**Project Status:** The Managing Contractor has progressed subcontracts for a number of trade packages with over 90% of these contracts awarded to WA businesses.



### Casuarina Prison Expansion

**Agency:** Department of Justice

The project will see the construction of four living units to provide an additional 512 beds at Casuarina Prison.

One of the new units will be used to provide a male alcohol and other drug facility. To support the additional accommodation, upgrades will be undertaken to the utility services on site, as well as construction of new ancillary support buildings containing program and education rooms, interview and medical consultation rooms and a video link facility. The project also includes construction of a new kitchen and expansion of key service delivery buildings including social and official visits, reception and outpatient medical centre.

**Project Status:** A Request for Tender Prequalification was released 31 May 2018 and closed 28 June 2018.



### Reid Highway Dual Carriageway: Altone Road to West Swan Road

**Agency:** Main Roads Western Australia

The Reid Highway Dual Carriageway Project involves the investigation, design and upgrading of Reid Highway: Altone to West Swan Road. The scope of works will also include

- Construction of a duplicate bridge deck across Bennett Brook and underpass structure east of Lord Street.
- Improvements to pedestrian and cycling facilities.
- An option to build a new bridge over Reid Highway, connecting the northern and southern sections of Arthur Street.

**Project Status:** A Request for Proposal was issued to a number of shortlisted proponents on 30 July 2018.



### York Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Stage 1

**Agency:** Water Corporation

The York Wastewater Treatment Plant provides wastewater treatment services for the Shire of York. This project will increase the treatment plant capacity up to 400 kl/d.

Key components of the upgrade include modifying the existing pond system, installing a gas chlorination disinfection system, constructing an effluent pump station, installing an integrated control system, providing power to site, and designing and constructing a woodlot irrigation system.

**Project Status:** A Request for Proposal was released August 2018.



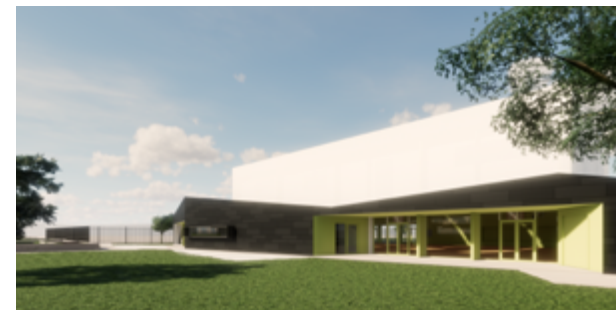
### Bunbury Regional Prison Expansion

**Agency:** Department of Justice

In order to provide additional secure custodial accommodation for the male estate, the Department will be providing 160 beds by constructing an additional living unit at Bunbury Regional Prison.

To support the additional accommodation, upgrades will be undertaken to the utility services on site as well as installation of additional management fencing and upgrades to key service delivery buildings including the kitchen, education, visits and reception.

**Project Status:** A request for Expressions of Interest to tender for the project's construction and works was released on August 2018 and closed August 31 2018.



### Southern River College Upgrade

**Agency:** Department of Education

Established in 1976, Southern River College is a public, co-educational, secondary school located on Southern River Road in Gosnells.

This upgrade project consists of the construction of a new sports hall and courts, as well as refurbishments to a number of existing facilities, including the conversion of a gymnasium into a performing arts area, a refit of a metalwork workshop to create a STEM engineering studio, and the upgrade of science labs.

**Project Status:** Project scope is being defined.



### Berth 3 Deck Replacement Project

**Agency:** Pilbara Ports Authority

Berth 3 at the Port of Port Hedland is one of Pilbara Ports Authority's common user berths. The project will see the demolition of the existing concrete deck and adjacent storage shed, construction of a new reinforced concrete deck, installation of new wharf fenders and other ancillary works.

**Project Status:** Contract was awarded to York Civil Pty Ltd on 9 April 2018. York Civil entered into voluntary administration, and subsequently ceased trading in August 2018, whilst the project was in the design phase and prior to site works having commenced.

Pilbara Ports Authority terminated the York Civil contract on 27 August 2018. Some or all of the contract works will be re-tendered in due course. Pilbara Ports Authority will ensure that any new tender also supports and encourages Pilbara regional and Western Australian industry participation and content.



### Melville Senior High School - New Performing Arts Building Project

**Agency:** Department of Education

Established in 1960, Melville Senior High School is an Independent Public School with a student population of around 1,400 and over 180 teaching and support staff. The theatre upgrade project will include a new 260 (minimum) seat theatre with support spaces to Department of Education Brief requirements. Existing classroom transportables will also be relocated as part of the project.

**Project Status:** A Request for Tender for the construction of the new building was released 27 August 2018.





## Focus Pilot Project - METRONET Railcar Program

METRONET is a growing public transport network and will soon require more trains to service it. To meet network demand and cater for boosted passenger numbers anticipated as METRONET projects are completed, 246 new trains (41 six-car sets) will be purchased to bolster the existing Transperth fleet.

### Industry Briefing

In October 2017, JTSI in collaboration with the Public Transport Authority (PTA), hosted an industry briefing for the METRONET Railcar Procurement project.

This session provided an opportunity for prospective railcar manufacturers and local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to meet and gain a better understanding of railcar requirements and the opportunities for future work.

The briefing enabled Government and potential manufacturers to understand the skills, products and services that currently exist within WA.

It also helped to open dialogue by providing valuable networking opportunities for local SMEs looking to be involved in future supply chains, fleet maintenance and repair of the new electric railcars.

At the closing of the briefing, JTSI announced the Local Capability Fund METRONET round, which provided eligible businesses with up to \$20,000 in dollar-for-dollar funding to assist them to prepare to secure work on the project.

### Project Status

Three consortiums have been short-listed to participate in a tender for the supply of the new C-series railcars:

- Alstom Transport Australia Pty Ltd
- Momentum West (UGL and CAF)
- EDI Rail - Bombardier Transportation Pty Ltd

Stage 2 of the Request for Tender will require the short-listed consortiums to complete a Participation Plan, which will provide PTA with information on how the consortium intends to meet the Government's target of 50% WA content as well as other local industry benefits. The Participation Plan will be weighted at 25% of the overall tender criterion.

Bellevue has been selected as the preferred site for the new METRONET railcar manufacturing facility. The selection of the site is expected to bring more employment opportunities to WA.



The facility will be used to assemble the 102 new METRONET railcars (17 six-car sets) and an additional 144 railcars (24 six-car sets) to replace the ageing A-series trains.

Approval for the facility is expected in the coming month from the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, with construction to start in 2019.



*Photo: Peter Cox of Industry Development JTSI, presenting at the METRONET Industry Briefing*



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