

**STUDY**

# South West Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Hub



The South West is home to unique natural resources including the world's largest known and highest-grade lithium mineral deposit. The region also enjoys a strong mineral processing sector along with available industrial land, skilled workers and a transport infrastructure system incorporating a port that links the South West's dynamic industries to the world. There is an opportunity to leverage these competitive advantages to grow the local advanced manufacturing sector.



The study into the feasibility of the proposed advanced manufacturing hub will comprise the following components:

- **Industry demand analysis**
- **Local capability and needs analysis**
- **Hub design and location analysis**
- **Investor attraction**

## Feasibility study

The South West's advanced manufacturing sector is home to inspiring success stories that help to make this industry a substantial economic contributor. But there is room to be manufacturing more locally.

To help unlock the potential of the industry, the State Government has allocated funding towards a study that will examine the feasibility of establishing an advanced manufacturing hub in Bunbury Geopraphe.

It is envisioned such a facility would give businesses an edge when competing for work. It would do so by providing local access to common-use infrastructure, technology, training, education and research.

By boosting business capability and capacity to link into new global supply chains, the hub is expected to support hundreds of future jobs, including apprenticeships.

## Timing

The procurement process for the consultancy firm that will deliver the study is underway.

## Who is leading the study?

The South West Development Commission is fostering new opportunities for local industries in order to create the jobs of the future and secure long-term prosperity.

As part of these efforts, the State Government agency is leading the charge on growing the advanced manufacturing sector in the region, with a focus on how the sector can grow, build capability and become more competitive.

With input from key stakeholders including industry, the Commission is progressing the study into the viability of an advanced manufacturing hub for Bunbury Geopraphe.

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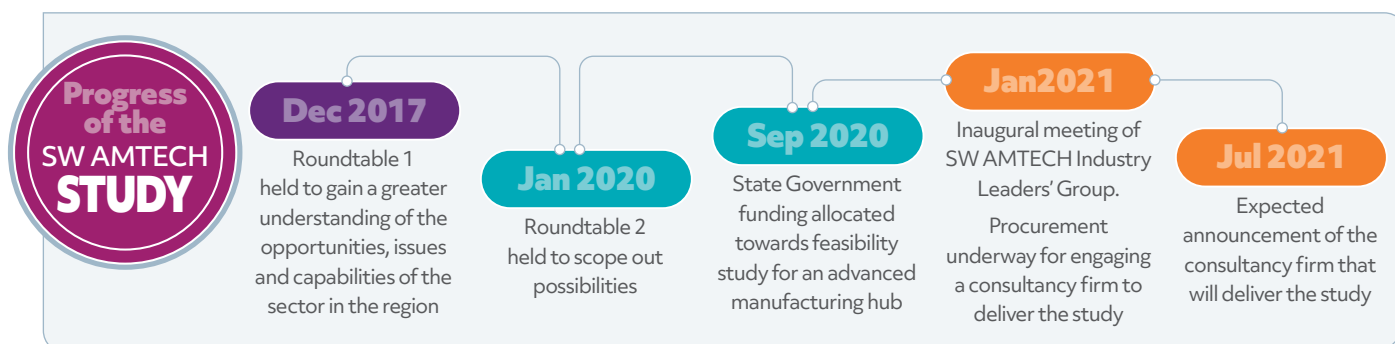
Our internal working group is carrying out critical deliverables. These include forming committees to support the study as well as undertaking industry research and analysis.

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