



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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A photograph of four Indigenous men in a dry, open landscape at sunset. They are wearing traditional body paint and are engaged in a traditional ceremony, possibly a dance or a ritual. The men are holding sticks and have their eyes covered with red bands. The background shows a dry landscape with sparse vegetation and a few trees under a warm, orange sky.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

What is AUKUS

- AUKUS is the trilateral partnership between Australia, the UK and the US to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific that is secure and stable.
- Australia's economic prosperity predominantly relies on its maritime trade routes, this is protected by our naval capabilities.
- Pillar I: Australia's acquisition of nuclear-powered conventionally armed submarines.
- Pillar II: Technology and knowledge exchange



Why WA?

- Our geographically strategic location in the Indo-Pacific
- Land, coastline, and uncluttered airspace
- Proven capabilities in successfully delivering large-scale projects of exceptional magnitude and complexity
- Ever-expanding science and technology capabilities – particularly in RAS
- Our rich source of Critical Minerals



Western Trade Coast

4 target industries for development in the Western Trade Coast

Renewable
Hydrogen



Future facing
minerals processing



Shipbuilding and
sustainment



Port-related logistics,
manufacturing and processing
activities



5 sub-strategies to facilitate the development of these industries:

Transport



Maritime



Utilities



Land use



Policy and
Regulation



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Western Trade Coast Infrastructure Strategy Overview





Maritime Precinct

CUF North

Common User Facility

Technology Precinct

Support Precinct

Subsea

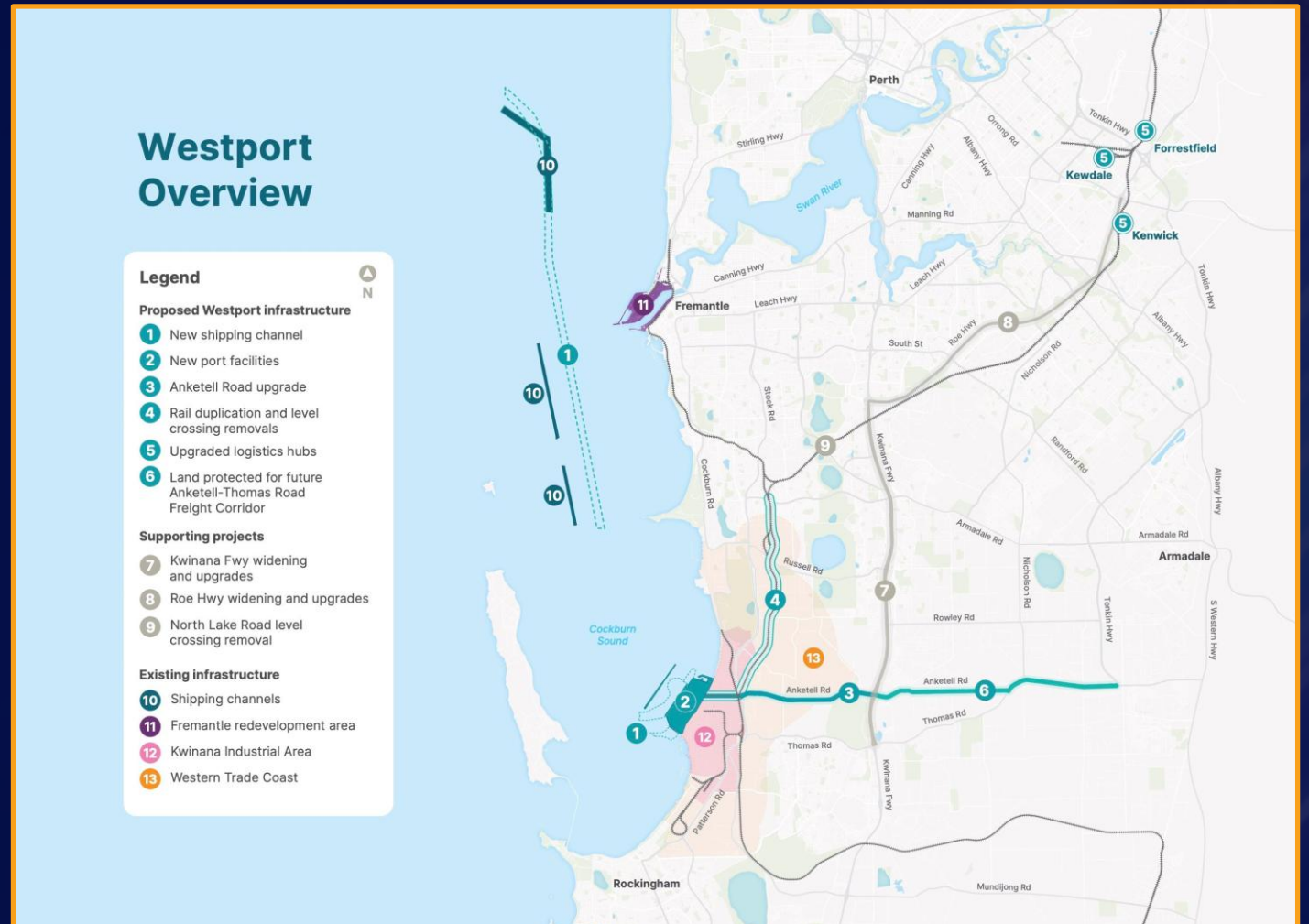
Fabrication Precinct

**Australian Marine
Complex**

Westport

Aims to:

- Develop new port facilities in Kwinana to replace Fremantle's aging infrastructure.
- Plan integrated road and rail freight systems to support logistics into and out of WA.



Key Enablers

- Housing, education and health services
- Transport and mobility access to AMC
- Enabling port infrastructure
- Available utilities and renewables to support expanding infrastructure
- Water management and requirements, supply and waste
- Security and emergency response management



Workforce

- More than \$35 million invested by WA Government to date into the State's defence industry workforce
- 500 apprentices into WA's defence industry in since 2020
- Defence Centre of Excellence (CoE) to be established in WA
- Defence Industry Pathways Program
- Over 460 University Commonwealth supported places (CPS)
- 500 workers in WA by 2027 to deliver the SSN sustainment capability for SRF-West
- Up to 2,000 USN personnel based in WA
- AUKUS Made in WA: expected to create 10,000 jobs over the next two decades
- Shipbuilding to require 2,500 in the coming decade



Arafura Offshore Patrol Vessels



4

Evolved Cape Class Patrol
Boats - RAN



10

Evolved Cape Class Patrol Boats -
ABF



8

General Purpose Frigates



1

8

Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel (Medium)



6

Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels



ANZAC
Sustainment



8

Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel (Heavy)



Increasing Port
Visits (From 2023)

SRF-West
(As early as 2027)



Australia Sovereign
Ready (Early 2030s)

Australian Virginia
Class Submarines



Collins Class Capability



2023

2033

2043

2053

Stewardship Pathway